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Sporting the Mustangs' red and white colors, members of the Junior Class enthusiastically display pride in their class, their team and their school. No matter what events filled the days, students discovered that for better or for worse, surprises filled every aspect of their lives, just when they thought it was safe.

ust when you thought it was safe to wake up on Aug. 23, you quickly remembered that it was the first day of school. But as you tried to find **safety in numbers** among familiar faces in the Commons, Food Court and North Hall, you quickly realized that among the Gap and J. Crew clad masses, a lot of **hidden personality** and spirit existed.

Shoot for the Unexpected

That personality emerged as students bonded over shared **confusion** about the new schedule that presented three different time schedules during a five-day week. Seniors felt as frustrated as freshmen, as **random bells** rang and the entire school struggled to learn the revised system.

Small changes lurked around every corner as Ms. Carol Epperson became the **new assistant principal**, In School Suspensions arrived, and the drug pledge required a separate signature for every activity, every year.

Aim, Fire!
Riding through the Homecoming Parade on a running shoe float, Cross Country Team members Joe Furdek and Jim Whiteley, juniors, soak unexpecting onlookers.

Home, Sweet Home
As the Band members pass by route to the South Parking Lo the conclusion of the Homecc ing Parade, the familiar maro explains the days' events. Th sign existed to display impo school happenings as well a outstanding achievement.

Pack It In
In order to get to cross country practice on time, Rob Kopenec, sophomore, struggles to cram every last book, notebook, T-shirt and backpack into his narrow locker. Crises from forgetting locker combinations to failing to prepare for the first hour quiz threw off students who otherwise depended on constant organization.

Spotless
Doing his part for the student-proclaimed "Coming Out of the Shower" Day, Joe Roman, senior, consults Mrs. Mary Yorke, English teacher, for advice on his theme. Although students often participated in unusual activities for a laugh, they realized that it didn't excuse them from unavoidable work.

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Food became a **hot topic** of conversation as DECA began its Otis Spunkmeyer cookie sale and the Food Court added Snapple and a candy and chips cart along with its remodeled booths.

Spirit soared to new levels as the fall sports teams ventured into the **unfamiliar territory** of the Lake 10 Conference and the Girls' Golf and Boys' Tennis Teams battled their way down to **State**. A stunning Football Sectional Championship led to a streamer and balloon filled Commons as team support **exploded** from the student body.

The weather **bewildered** students as school closed Jan. 18 and 19 due to the Arctic Blast sub-zero weather and wind chills nearing 80 below. Students, teachers and parents alike tuned into WJOB to verify the first weather related **school cancellation** in five years as cars failed to start and gloves, scarves and hats failed to keep out the cold.

As the school year began, surprises filled the routine days while students discovered all that could happen **Just When You Thought It Was Safe.**

Nunsense
Jumping at the chance to get out of school early, Nathan Kras and Nathan Compton, juniors, prepare to trek across Columbia to the Pep Rally. Variations in the daily routine included everything from three different schedules during a five day week to altering class lengths and order to fit in Advisory programs, pep rallies and other special events.

Tip top
Intent on plastering the Commons' walls with signs and balloons for the Regional football game, Allison Stalmack, junior, decorates in order to boost student spirit.

Net worth
In a motivational pep talk, Coach Ed Musselman, mathematics teacher, stirs the spirits of his state-ranked tennis team who ended their season at the Final Four.

String along
During the Homecoming Pep Rally, juniors Julie Brickman and Jim Hajduk, and freshman David Kalgebein get down and dirty in the tons of confetti traveling the stands.

Home Stretch
After an exhausting Pep Rally performance which set the Junior Class on the road to victory in the spirit competition, ManDee Adams and Georgette Kouros, juniors, head back to the school followed by Kristiana Neff, sophomore; Chris Palazzolo, junior; Jessica Lanzillo, sophomore, and Bob Samardzic, junior. The Pep Rally competitions helped students raise their Homecoming spirits while at the same time competing against both class rivals and friends.

Quick read
Huddled around the most recent issue of *Cosmopolitan*, seniors Robin Harwood, Kristi Amdahl and Karen Edington catch up on the latest fashion trends during a passing period. Sharing a giggle over an inside joke or engrossed in the latest gossip, friends found scattered minutes to discuss their social activities.

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Life In the Fast Lane

Life in the Fast Lane returned bright and early at 7:45 a.m. with the familiar sound of morning bells, shuffling feet and **slamming lockers**.

As students adjusted to the different schedules, they also became accustomed to **teachers' rules** and changed surroundings. **Panic struck** as clubs that students expected to join no longer existed due to a **lack of sponsors**. But as the 2:45 p.m. bell rang, students set out to make the most of the **weekend** before returning for the week.

Whether in or out of school, worrying **hectically** about homework or Homecoming dates, students took full advantage of the benefits provided by a **frenzied** Life in the Fast Lane.

Conga line
During Advisory, seniors Scott Matucha, Helen Karalis, Vivian Antoniadis and Mary Petrovich and Mr. Paul LaReau, Spanish teacher, weave their way around the room during Christmas festivities. Advisory time gave students and teachers the chance to let their hair down during an otherwise hectic day.

DAY *in* DAY

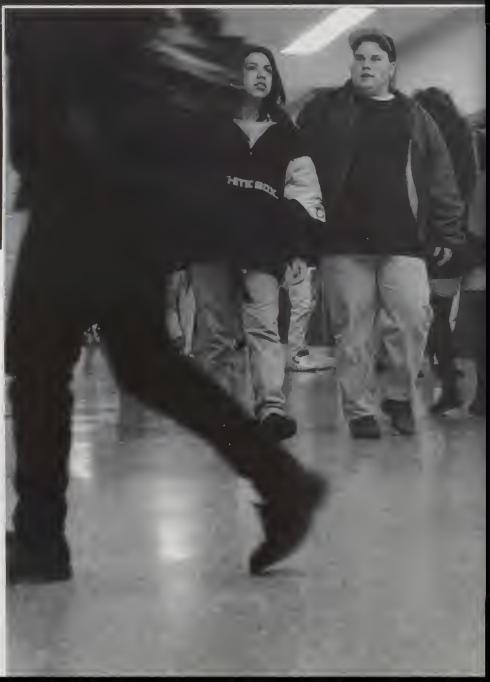
Spending five days a week from 7:45 a.m. or earlier for zero hour until 2:45 p.m., 1:52 p.m. or the end of a club meeting, students realized they spent more time than they thought within the school's walls. From Monday's early morning steps into the building with tests and a weekful of homework on the mind to Friday's ecstatic bolt through the double doors to the weekend's freedom, every minute of the daily in school routine held something new.

7:37 A.M.

Carefully placing each foot on the icy sidewalk, Brian Ross, Mark Rudy, Jen Coyle and Gabby Lewis,seniors, enter the South Building. Whether driving their own cars, bumming rides off friends, or taking the bus, students attempted to make their way into the building before the 7:45 a.m. bell.

7:16 A.M.

While the majority of the school dashes around the house searching for the perfect outfit or slams the snooze for nine extra minutes of sleep, Band members Andy Martin and Bill Osmulski, freshmen, and Steve Murray, sophomore, risk the cold weather at zero hour practice. Orchestra, Band and Project Biology students added an extra early hour to their days by attending before-school classes.



7:45 A.M.

Dashing down hallways, Phil Spence, senior, sprints to first hour as the minute bell rings. Delays in the trip to school made many sudents struggle to avoid the fifth tardy resulting in a detention.

12:18 P.M.

While Jason Rubino, freshman, heads for his booth from the Ala Carte line during B lunch, Julie Blackstone, junior, and Jill Heaney, sophomore, complete board work in Mr. Ed Musselman's Algebra 2 class. With bells sounding halfway through each fourth hour period, students attempted to concentrate on work as thoughts of the other half of the school enjoying lunch passed through their minds.

10:13 A.M.

Moments after the bell ending second hour rings, Central Hall fills with students on their way to their lockers, the Commons or their next class. Seven minute passing periods between classes gave students time to catch the latest gossip, check next hour's homework assignment or relax with friends.

9:42 A.M.

Before Advisory, Lora Segeleon, sophomore, and Jack Conley, senior, anxiously await the completion of their cookie sale by Mrs. Nancy Newcomb, business teacher. The DECA Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie sale began in September and provided hungry students with a way to grab a sugary snack before lunch rolled around.

DAY *in* DAY

10:34 P.M.

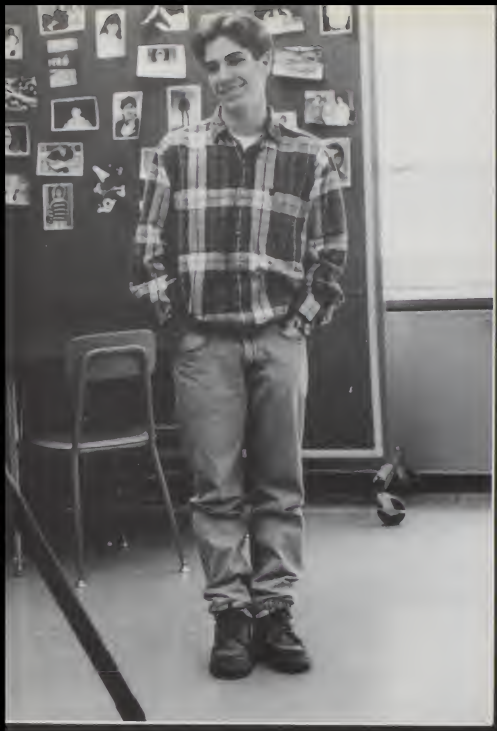
With his teacher's lecture as a makeshift lullaby, Ed Misch, senior, drifts off during third hour. Late nights of studying or late morning starts combined with lengthy lectures and a lack of caffeine caused students to catch up on missed sleep at any opportunity, which sometimes included classtime.

2:03 P.M.

With concentration focused on the dictionary, Marius Hentea, freshman, finishes his vocabulary assignment during the first few minutes of class. With some teachers allowing time during class to complete homework assignments, students learned they could wait until the last minute to finish up work they ran out of time for the night before.

2:56 P.M.

To insure that she knows what she's signing, Jackie Costanza, sophomore, reads over the drug pledge at an Art Club meeting. While after school many students headed straight home, club members found time to attend mandatory meetings before leaving the building for the day.

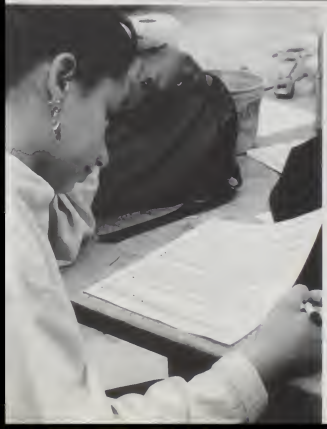


1:29 P.M.

Helping Ed Renwald, senior, complete his photography assignment, Chris Jagadich, junior, models during Mr. Dave Russell's fifth hour class. Classes that allowed for creativity broke up students' note-taking daily routine and resulted in unusual additions to the day.

1:54 P.M.

Though on any other day he would be missing class, Rob Kopenec, sophomore, uses his Wednesday Resource Hour to clear out the collected clutter. The 1:52 bell that often randomly rang on other weekdays signaled the end of the Wednesday school day and the start of Resource Hour which provided time for teachers to meet.



2:51 P.M.

In the rush to reach the bus on time, sophomores Lisa Kaleta, Kelly Kemock, and Marivi Javate line up for the first trip route to Twin Creek and the other subdivisions south of town. Lining up at the North Hall for first trip or the Main Entrance for the second run, the buses provided many students with a reliable and easy way home.

All ears. Resting before the excitement of the Homecoming pep rally, George Saliga, junior, and Rosalie Kime, freshman, listen to Margaret Dawson, freshman, as she tells them the latest gossip. Students found that taking time out to hear news from friends helped alleviate pressure and stress from school.

fun and games. Hopefully looking for a chance to grab a cookie from Tim Paliga, sophomore, Kelly Brakebill, sophomore, tries to steal his DECA delight. Playing childish games helped students find new ways to escape the responsibilities of high school.

better late than never. Worried about the upcoming test in English, Josh Rogers and Robert Roberson, freshmen, stop at freshman Jason Rubino's locker to catch up on some quick studying before class. Friends helped each other when the pressures of school became overwhelming.

Let's do lunch. Engrossed in the day's latest gossip, Cathy Lukas and Amy Buikema, seniors, share a laugh over lunch. Spending a rare few minutes alone in the Food Court, students often found themselves relaxing with friends at every possible opportunity.

Sharing secrets with friends, students take every chance to keep up on the latest gossip

mark my WORD

"Did you hear any good gossip this weekend?" the curious junior asked as he walked down the hall Monday morning, eager to find out what students did that weekend.

"Yeah, I could not believe it, listen to this...," his best friend said, as he began to share his exciting story.

Students found that gossipping in school became a major part of morning conversations. Even though gossip usually carried a negative connotation, it sometimes reflected the news of the day.

"Everyone gossips sometimes. Mondays are ideal, because it all happens on the weekends," Kelly Rothschild, freshman, said. "It can be rude, but it can be about someone that is nice."

Angered by negative talk, some students made themselves scarce even at the slightest sounds of gossip.

"I hate it when people gossip. All they are doing is talking about other peoples' lives," Jen Kenar, sophomore, said. "When they hear something about themselves, they get mad, and they are doing the same thing."

Opening themselves up to new ideas, students found relief in chatting with different people instead of their normal group of friends.

"I do talk to people I don't normally hang out with," Pete Ronco, senior, said. "But because I don't go out with them doesn't mean I'm not friends with them."

Confiding their deepest, darkest secrets in their best friends, students discovered that it helped to have one person that they could always trust.

"There are two people in my group of friends that I am closer to," Dan Zabrecky, sophomore, said. "I think it's good that you can tell one of your best friends something you wouldn't want your other friends to know."

Quick kisses and holding hands commonly displayed affection among couples. Otherwise known as PDA's, some students excused the closeness while others grimaced at the sight of it.

"If they just gave a little kiss on the cheek, that's okay, but it goes too far when they are totally making out," Nora Lasbury, junior, said.

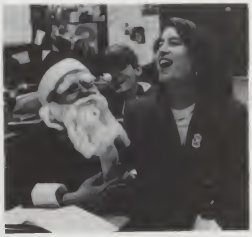
The junior and his friend rushed to class, anxious to hear what other daily gossip might surface.

"Don't repeat what I told you, or else," he threatened as he finished his story.

"Don't worry, I won't tell anyone. Besides, everyone will know by the end of the day anyway," his friend promised.

Get the picture. Looking through sophomore Amy Hundley's pictures, Edgar Moore, sophomore, relaxes in a booth in the Food Court during a passing period. The Food Court provided students with a quieter place to sit and talk.

Somebody's sweetheart. As she sits in class, Natalee Newsom, senior, smells the carnation delivered to her by DECA members on Sweetest Day. On special days, clubs presented students with a reason to show how much they cared about their friends and sweethearts.



hat head. With her jester hat on, Meghan Buchanan, sophomore, shows her spirit on "Crazy Hat Day." During Homecoming's Spirit Week, students displayed their spirit for the football team by dressing up for each theme day.

naughty or nice. To get into the holiday spirit, Mrs. Dana Darr, English teacher, sits on junior Bob Samardzic's lap and makes her Christmas wish. Students and faculty broke the mold by celebrating as the holiday season neared.

balloon-mania. With a look of surprise after receiving balloons on her birthday, Julie Dunn, junior, has a laugh with Kristin Fisher, junior. Surprise gifts from friends and sweethearts provided students with a break in the usual day.

Birthday surprises magically bring smiles to students enjoying special days

float on AIR

While closing her eyes and making a wish, one deep breath blew out the magical birthday candles, as she hoped that all her wishes would come true.

Even though some birthdays landed on school days, many possibilities existed for teachers and friends to celebrate these special days and find every opportunity to embarrass the birthday student.

"On students' birthdays we sing 'Happy Birthday'," Mrs. Charlene Tsoutsouris, Spanish teacher, said. "Otherwise, we really don't do much, but it's the thought that makes it count."

While some humiliations took place in the classroom, other surprises lurked behind innocent lockers. Walking through the halls, balloons filled the air as birthday festivities began.

"My friends decorated my locker with a caveman theme for my birthday," Lynn Hirsch, junior, said. "It was really embarrassing when people walked by and stared at it."

Students sometimes opted for a weird gift instead of decorating a locker. "I got a poster that had beach warning signs on it," JJ Pestikas, freshman, said. "But then my friend took it away and hung it in his room."

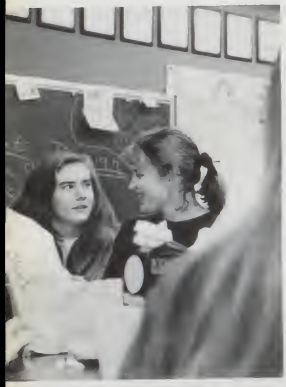
Other students gave their friends gag gifts in pursuit of sparking some humorous response. "My friends gave me a really disgusting Fabio calendar as a joke," Lynn said. "So I took it to my classes with me so everyone could see it."

Overflowing with helium balloons, locker decorations and 'Happy Birthday' singing, the hallways left many students celebrating birthdays just about every day of the week.

Deck the halls. Surprising the entire Food Court with their rendition of popular Christmas carols, Ron Magliola, Matt Saltanovitz Tony Burrell and Art Mayes, seniors, belt out their holiday tunes. With every new day, students tried to make a statement by participating in unusual activities that made them stand out from the crowd.

food fest. Amidst tables of food during journalism teacher, Mrs. Nancy Hastings' Advisory, Jacki Nebelsiek and Amy Cornelison, juniors, take a break from their Flood of Change victory celebration. Parties in Advisory and other classes often took place, offering students snacks and relaxation during the day.

War paint. To exhibit rivalry toward the Lake Central Indians, Bob Rogan, sophomore, smudges blue and white paint on Donnie Buikema, sophomore, as Scott Zimmerman, sophomore, supervises the Indian portrayal. Homecoming Day found students with hidden school spirit planning activities not otherwise a normal part of school.



luck of the draw. To avoid homework due next hour, Pete Ronco, senior, plays UNO with his friends Mike Fekete and Jim LeVan, seniors. Lunch provided students with an opportunity to take a break from schoolwork and relax with friends.

let go. Grabbing a couple balloons from Dave Rybicki, freshman, Gina Poppe, freshman, laughs as Nick Zubay and Angie Rubacki, freshmen, watch them goof around. Homecoming spirit swept the school as balloons, T-shirts and painted faces changed the scenery.

Between Advisory parties and lunch room hysteria, students invent creative ways to make school fun

From lounging in the Commons between classes to playing UNO in Advisory, students searched for creative alternatives to their monotonous schedules.

Sprawling out on the red cushions, students caught up on weekend plans or got a little bit more rest for the day.

"Kids always sit around socializing with their friends," Jeanne Horak, sophomore, said. "It's more comfortable sitting there than standing around crowding up the hallways while you are trying to talk."

Not only meeting up with friends in the Commons, students also looked forward to Advisory on Mondays and Fridays to add variety and diversion to the rest of the week.

"In my Advisory we have parties for birthdays," John Foushi, junior, said. "It's fun because you get to know the people in there. Nobody really acts like we are in school. We're all just taking a break from the day."

From sitting in Advisory to walking through the Food Court during lunch, students noticed a difference in their moods and attitudes. Hungry students satisfied cravings while playing cards or making music with Snapple caps.

"People let loose in the cafeteria. They have a chance to be with friends and laugh," Alison Byrne, senior, said. "There's lots of hyperactivity."

As a result of the extra energy, some students threw food at each other and ran around, while most usually discussed topics from weekend plans to classrooms with substitute teachers.

"Lunch is always interesting because you are with all your friends," Liz Krol, junior, said. "It's better than sitting around in a classroom doing work and not being able to talk at all."

During classes the day before a holiday break, students found the atmosphere even more laid back.

"School right before the holidays is different than other days. There's something to look forward to besides homework or a regular weekend," Chris Marsh, junior, said. "Teachers and students have vacation on their minds."

But no matter what, friends and good times remained in the back of students' minds.

change of FACE

Underdressed. Celebrating his self-proclaimed "Coming Out of the Shower" Day, Ron Magliola, senior, makes his way through the halls as Jeremy Piniak, freshman; Joe Furdek, junior; Sarah Gribble and Becky Brown, sophomores, look on inquiringly. Students who felt a lack of excitement in the day often took it upon themselves to provide entertainment for others.

Beat of a different drum. With spirited faces, Mike Columbo, junior, and Phil Hajduk, senior, strike their drums as they march to "Bravura." The Homecoming halftime show produced soaring spirit as anticipation for a victory approached.

Fan frenzy. To demonstrate her support for the football team, Susie Boyle, senior, decorates a balloon with words of encouragement Students wrote and chanted creative phrases to boost the team's morale.

Smoke 'em. With chants of "Class of '95," and "Smoke 'em," a truckful of proud juniors passes the school during the Homecoming parade. Class rivalry propelled students to unify in an attempt to conquer their opposing classmates.

Queen for a day. Placing the tiara on Mary Petrovich, senior, Nikki Bartok, junior, crowns her Homecoming Queen. Two weeks of voting led to the halftime crowning, traditionally done by a Student Government member.

magic carpet Ride

With news of restricted floats and underclass winners, students prepare for unexpected breaks in Homecoming tradition as Aladdin opens up a whole new world

"Gimme an 'S!' Gimme a 'P!' Gimme an 'I!' Gimme an 'R!' Gimme another 'I!' Gimme a 'T!'" What's that spell, or better yet, what does that mean anymore?

As students attempted to recapture the annual Homecoming spirit, a "festivity face-lift" diminished much of the season's former tradition.

Topping off the Homecoming season, float construction began several weeks in advance, except for the Senior Class who waited a bit longer. While the sophomores and juniors began constructing their floats around the last week in September, the seniors didn't get started until early October, less than two weeks before Homecoming. For the second consecutive year, the activity suffered restriction to school grounds, preventing inter-class vandalism, as well as reducing student involvement.

"Having float at school definitely limits attendance," Junior Class sponsor Mr. Steve Tripenfeldas, math teacher, said. "It doesn't bother me because the people who were into Homecoming still participated."

This lack of participation reflected another aspect of Homecoming change. For the third year in a row, the Class of 1994 lost the float competition, one which seniors traditionally win.

"The Genie just wasn't as good as the other floats," sophomore Evan Greenbaum said. "It was made of newspaper and spray paint, plus the whole thing was completely out of proportion."

Although unable to take part in float-building, freshmen still left their mark by winning the tug-of-war competition.

"Class spirit revolves around float," Freshmen Class President, Kelly Rothschild, said. "Since we don't have the funds to build one, we miss out on all that."

Homecoming activities extended past float construction, comprising the week leading up to Friday night's game against Lake Central. Spirit week traditionally designated various themes for each day of that week, in which students dressed up to display school spirit, but students agreed that such spirit appeared minimal.

"Collegiate Day" started off Spirit Week on Monday, followed by "Sunglasses Day," "Hat Day" and "Bum/Grungy Day." One of the few Homecoming traditions remained, as the week wrapped up with "Red and White Day."

Tradition continued to break as preparations for Friday's pep rally took shape. Each Advisory elected one representative to participate in rally activities, rather than offering all students the opportunity to sign up.

"People who wanted to take part couldn't, and people who were elected didn't even want to be in it," Matt Quagliara, senior, said.

The idea of recruiting one participant from each Advisory resulted from a lack of participants in the festivities last year.

"Last year we didn't have enough sophomores that wanted to sign up for the events," Mr. Tripenfeldas said. "Only if that happens should we resort to electing Advisory representatives."

As the Homecoming game clock ran down, spirit and festivities drew to a close. But for those attending the dance, the weekend excitement just began. Comparing the experience to previous years, students realized that the theme "A Whole New World" reflected the event in more ways than one.

Get a Grip. In order to pull the Freshman Class across the line, Mr. Chuck Schallhorn, psychology teacher, and Mr. Steve Tripenfeldas, mathematics teacher, grip the rope tightly and pull with all their might. The pep rally provided students with the opportunity to battle with teachers on the 50-yard line.

Step Up. Balancing to reach the top of the Boys' Cross Country Team's shoe float, Chris Fortin, senior, concentrates on the placement of each flower. In addition to the three class floats in the parade, the team displayed their own creation to show their Homecoming spirit.

Homecoming Court. After the crowning of the Homecoming Queen the Court poses to have their picture taken. The Court consisted of Ashley Wasem, and Laura Triana, seniors; Amy Bohling, junior; queen Mary Petrovich, senior; Katie Moser, freshman; and Julie Fekete, sophomore.

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magic carpet

Class Act

"The class competition was totally unfair because the seniors are supposed to win everything."

Cathy Lukas, senior

"Class competition is good because it boosts everyone's spirit and helps people to get involved."

Amy Boyle, junior

"As a freshman, I didn't think our class was into it, but this year we really blew everyone away in the float competition."

Kay Watson, sophomore

"I remember thinking, 'I'm nuts for doing this!' I wasn't even planning on being in the relay. I was standing on the side of the field at the pep rally and they needed another freshman, so I got nominated."

Cindy Klus, freshman

license to drive

With a sigh of relief after completing her driver's test, Shelly Smith, junior, anxiously waits to sign her license and make it official. The infamous driving test caused a lot of anxiety for those students who couldn't wait to get behind the wheel and test their new-found ability.

written up

Suffering the consequences for blaring his car radio before the Homecoming parade, an anonymous student receives a ticket. Students realized that having a car led to added responsibilities as well as convenience, and also required them to learn the rules of the road.

easy rider

After a hard day at school, Heather Puterko, junior, hops onto her school bus looking forward to heading home. Buses lined up at the North exit after school and provided students with a reliable way home.

kicking back

Relaxing on the hood of junior Angie Lee's car, Doug Rathert, junior, talks to Kelly Shaver, sophomore, after the Homecoming parade. Although cars provided students with a way to get around, they also served as a good place to hang out when other opportunities failed.

DRIVING *force*

When in search of timely transportation, students relied on available automobiles, but were willing to settle for other options when necessary.

Problems of getting around town forced students to find any way possible. By driving their own cars, getting a ride with someone else or using other forms of transportation, they tried to get where they needed to go.

Older students relied on cars for transportation. Some students took advantage of borrowing the car from their parents, while other students received their first car as a gift. Still others worked hard in their spare time and made enough money to pay for their own.

"I worked every day in the summer to earn enough money," Brian Wachowiak, junior, said. "I wanted my own car and I knew that the only way I could get it was if I bought it myself. So I did."

Owning a car, however, had its ups ad downs. Accidents and hidden police radars were just a few of the downsides to being a car owner.

The freedom of driving anywhere at anytime changed the lifestyles of students as they realized the importance of a driver's license. "Everything is totally different now that I have my license," Dan Zabrecky, sophomore, said. "Since none of my friends have their licenses yet, I have to do all of the driving."

Students who didn't drive had to deal with the various problems of getting to school. Some hitched rides with friends or parents, while others waited on the corner for the bus to roll down the street in the morning and pick them up.

Scooters also helped younger students arrive and depart from school without hassle. "I'm not old enough to drive, so my scooter comes in handy," Nick DeRosa, freshman, said. "It's much easier to hop on it and take off than to go begging for a ride with some older kid."

Walking and jogging were not preferred modes of transportation for students, but many relied on their legs to reach their destinations. Riding mountain bikes and rollerblading became very popular ways of moving around, according to Denise Bertagnolli, sophomore.

"When I needed to get somewhere and I couldn't find a ride, I would rollerblade there," Denise said. "It got me where I needed to go, and I had fun on the way."

Whenever an errand had to be run or someone needed to go somewhere, hopping in the car or bumming a ride with a friend offered a quick and easy solution to the problem of transportation. Those lacking automobiles, however, eventually searched their minds to come up with some acceptable alternative.

off the top of your head

"It's much easier to hop on my scooter and take off than to beg for a ride with some older kid."

Nick DeRosa, freshman

eye the problem

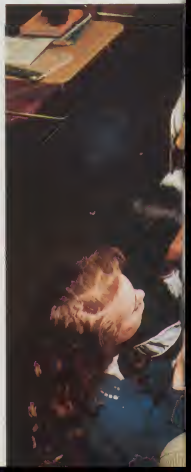
After listening to Mr. Bob Wendall's lecture on identities, trigonometry students Kristin Apato and Brad Vliek, seniors, break off into groups to eliminate extra homework. Teamwork allowed for discussion of new material which ensured that students understood the information before working on their own.

possibility screen

With computers at their disposal, Fernando Urzua and Raul Salinas, freshmen, and Mr. Jim Davidson, industrial technology teacher, use the Computer Aided Drafting system to design structures. Teachers utilized the computers in all four computer labs to help enhance their curriculum.

tea for two

Toasting a good dinner, Pam Hugus and Alexandra Kruczek, freshmen, complete a unit in their French 2 class. Students wrote, translated, memorized and performed their projects for each of their new units.



grab bag

Working together, Katie Woodrick, freshman; Marlene Coyne, Shelly Gordon, Karen Prisby and Becky Ahlf, sophomores; Dee Palma, junior; Cori Garcia, sophomore and Lia Carlos, freshman, identify common objects in Spanish teacher Mrs. Linda Elman's purse. Group projects helped to involve students in cooperative learning.

ROUGH *draft*

Utilizing every available learning method from computer review to cooperative learning, students find their own individual study styles.

As the neatly aligned rows squeaked into a huge circle, teachers encouraged class participation through student led discussions, which served to enhance the overall learning process.

"I used teaching methods in my classes that got students involved and in charge," Mrs. Renee Kouris, English teacher, said. "I thought that students learned better when they got involved in the decisions."

Playing various rhyming games and creating individual word association helped students in their quest for memorization of all-important information.

"I memorized or else tried to make words out of the first letters of the important words," Meghan Matthews, freshman, said. "I can recall words better when memorizing."

Whether listening to blaring headsets or studying in silent libraries, different work atmospheres gave individuals the opportunity to enhance their studies.

"I listened to music when I studied, but when I needed to work I demanded total silence or else I would start to sing along," Brent Gust, junior, said.

As the bell rang and students ran to leave their classrooms, they realized that the new information they learned had already begun to aid them in preparing for upcoming tests.

off the top of your head

"I used teaching methods in my classes that got students involved and in charge."

Mrs. Renee Kouris
English Teacher

brain power

Concentrating on problems at hand, Christina Kunelis, Tracey Houser and Beckie Mancus, seniors, work on a trigonometry assignment. For students to better understand concepts, many teachers encouraged group work.

work of art

Putting the finishing touches on her art project, Jessica Schoen, junior, sculpts her clay molded face. Whether pursuing art in the future or taking the class for fun, students made projects ranging from molded hands to wire figures.

photo finish

Capturing memorable moments on film, Kris Nowak, senior, plans his next shot. Classes such as Journalism 2 allowed students to develop skills not ordinarily used in other classes.

en guard!

During Mrs. Stephanie Casey's senior English class, Erika Lesniak, Kristina Harding and Lisa Heintz act out *King Lear*. Student participation made normally tedious work such as reading novels and plays enjoyable and educational.

do-re-mi

Using the opportunity to show off their musical talents, Karen Blackstone and Keri Kutansky, sophomores, warm up their voices during choir class. Choir gave students an opportunity to perform at evening concerts and other performances.

DOUBLE *take*

Students enroll in non-core educational classes in order to expand their horizons while developing personal talents in unusual and creative classes.

Whether experimenting in the world of culinary arts, trying their hand at pottery, or becoming a shutterbug, students got a chance to broaden their horizons by enrolling in hands-on elective courses.

In order to utilize skills left unused in required classes, students participated in classes designed to fit their talents.

"In my art class I get to use some of my abilities besides figuring out math problems and analyzing stories," Doug Wadle, junior, said. "I get to be creative. It's a break from the boring routine of school."

Teachers also appreciated the opportunity to teach a class without basing a total emphasis on academics.

"I love taking pictures and I think students need classes like photography which do not pose the same academic necessity," Mr. Dave Russell, photography teacher, said. "I enjoy the fact that students got to get out of their desks and do something instead of the usual listening to lectures. It creates a better atmosphere."

Stress also presented a factor in a student's decision to opt for less academically based classes.

"I wanted to take choir so I could be in Ensembles," Jessica Kaufman, junior, said. "And besides, if I had one more academic class on my schedule, I think I'd explode."

Curriculum that offered more than the normal lectures and studying served as a fun way to learn in school.

off the top of your head

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Doug Wadle, junior

deck the halls

After finishing their lunch, sophomores John Leslie and Cheryl Russell admire sophomore Amy Croston's ornament for Mr. Steve Tripenfeldas's geometry class. Teachers incorporated creative projects along with textbook learning to make their classes fun.

LISTEN *closely*

Fighting their fear of intimidating teachers, students build up enough courage to ask advice about unknown questions and problems.

Nervously chewing on his pencil, the frantic boy restlessly waited for the dreaded test to be passed out.

Intimidating classes gave students something to worry about each day of the semester. Hearing stories from other students about that class became a constant threat to students deciding their schedule.

"When I told one of my older friends about a class I was going to take, they told me to get out of it as soon as I could," Hemal Parikh, sophomore, said. "But it was too late, I already had my schedule made. But I didn't care because the class wasn't as bad as I thought."

In some cases, students often associated a hard class with hard teachers. "I'm perceived as a tough teacher, but I don't consider myself that," Mrs. Pat Premetz, mathematics teacher, said. "If the perception of the course is tough, students usually think the teacher is tough."

Students sometimes speculated that if a teacher enforces certain rules, then automatically the teacher seems tough. "In one of my classes no one is allowed to wear hats, and I can't think without my hat," John Folta, freshman, said. "It's my thinking cap."

However, many students have different opinions on easy classes versus hard classes. "When I told one of my friends I was taking this easy class, he told me I was crazy because he had taken that class the year before and said it was impossible," Gus Adamopoulos, senior, said. "I guess it depends on who's taking the class and who's teaching it."

Different teachers developed various expectations from the students. "In my honors classes I expect them to search a little more for information and to spend more time with each problem," Mrs. Premetz said. "However, I still expect just as much participation and cooperation from my other classes."

As the bell rang, the satisfied boy packed up his books and walked out of the room with a sigh of relief and a great feeling of accomplishment.

off the top of your head

"If the perception of the course is tough, students usually think the teacher is tough."

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Mathematics Teacher

thinking cap

Deep in thought over his AP Physics test, Pete Mangus, senior, carefully goes over every last problem. Difficult tests added a great deal of stress to students' lives, especially those who set their sights on good grades.

helping hand

While offering help, Mrs Stephanie Casey, English teacher, provides Amy Croston, sophomore, assistance in solving a few of her baffling questions. Students often realized that asking questions enhanced their overall chances of coming to a correct conclusion.

grade debate

Searching through his gradebook, Mr. Jack Yerkes, English Department chairman, helps satisfy freshman Aaron Brown's curiosity. Teachers found time in their hectic schedule to calculate students' averages before the end of each grading period.

get the point

Attentively watching AP Calculus teacher, Mrs. Barbara Johnson, Math Department chairperson; Annie Rawlings and Lisa Krieger, seniors, learn the basics of Rolle's Theorem. With the added difficulty of hard classes, students took advantage of time after school to further their understanding.

hot seat

After being called to the North Office, Jim Hajduk, junior, waits for his turn. The North Office was busy throughout the day with students coming in for reasons ranging from getting a late pass to class to explaining untimely returns from a lunch break.

tuned in

Utilizing her free time in class, Carrie Witting, sophomore, attempts to complete her assignment while listening to music. With the permission of teachers, students often drowned out the classroom sounds with the preferred melodies of their choice.

crunch time

While doing his calculus work, Steve Tulowitzki, senior, enjoys a breakfast of Pepsi and cereal during Mrs. Barbara Johnson's first hour AP Calculus class. Students took advantage of Mrs. Johnson's leniency about eating in class and used the opportunity to satisfy their early morning hunger.

FINELY *tuned*

Making the necessary adjustments to meet their teachers' expectations, students learned the rules and regulations that faced them each hour.

Walking into class for the first time, students found an array of new rules and consequences awaiting them. These regulations, enforced by teachers and administrators, ranged from the "no hats" rule to the mandatory purchase of parking permits for all students.

Introduced as a new form of punishment, the In-School Suspension (ISS) permitted students to avoid at-home suspension for some violations. Assigned to students who had committed such infractions as excessive truancies, repeated class roon disturbances and smoking, ISS proved more effective than regular suspension, according to most teachers.

"ISS gives students initiative to do some of the work that they normally wouldn't do during a regular suspension," Ms. Carol Epperson, Assistant Principal, said.

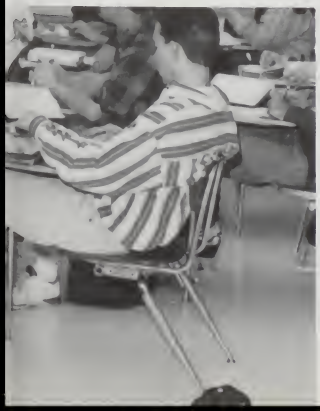
The purchase of parking permits, on the other hand, existed as a long-standing requirement. At the start of school, students with cars parked illegally received orange warning stickers on their windshields. "We haven't had any more problems," Ms. Epperson said. "I often don't see repeat car offenders because they know their privileges could dissipate."

While regulations like the purchase of parking permits and other school rules held true for all, teachers' own classroom rules varied. "At the beginning of the year, all the different rules were sort of confusing, but now I know all the teachers that will let me wear hats and eat in class," Todd Sommers, freshman, said.

Students found themselves eating in one class but not in the next, where the outlaw of gum, aside from other new rules, could possibly exist.

"I always make kids spit out their gum in the lab for safety precautions, and in the classroom we don't like to find gum on the floor and the chairs," Mr. Donald Ullman, chemistry teacher, said. "I also try to teach proper manners in class when we make the students take off their hats in my classes."

As the students walked out of every new classroom throughout the day, they attempted to recall the rules and regulations which they learned from each teacher. They then adjusted their habits or dress so they could build revised hourly routines in order to meet each classroom's differing rules and requirements.



hats off
Because of Algebra teacher Mr. Ed Musselman's rules, John Laha, junior, listens attentively while his hat remains on the floor. Teachers' rules kept students making changes in wardrobes throughout the day.

off the top of your head

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WHEN

The tough get cramming.

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Too sleepy to study, sneaky

GOING

students seek simple solutions

GETS

to failing fears. Are they cheating

TOUGH...

themselves in the long run?

WITH THE PROGRAM
By programming formulas into his calculator, the cheating trigonometry student breezes through his test. Too lazy to memorize the necessary materials, students often found sneaky places to hide them.

Taking a final glance around the room, the cautious student slid down into his seat, reached into the back pocket of his jeans, and yanked out a tiny sheet of paper. He smoothly proceeded to place the minuscule document in his calculator cover.

Completing the hidden task, he hovered over his desk and hurriedly copied down all the answers. The confident student finished within minutes, put his pencil down and breathed a final sigh of relief.

A common sight in many classrooms, cheating continued to remain a major part of the curriculum, regardless of countless attempts to eliminate it. Right or wrong, students embraced the instant rewards of cheating, rarely considering its long-term effects.

"Unfortunately, students don't see anything wrong with cheating," Mrs. Mary Yorke, English teacher, said. "It's simply easier to cheat than spend hours studying for a test."

Whatever their reasons, students avoided studying by obtaining answers to assignments ranging from the simplest worksheets to the hardest tests.

"People cheat to get good grades," Christie Boyd, sophomore, said. "They're so afraid of flunking that they do whatever it takes to do well."

Striving to get desirable grades, some students spent as much time devising cheating methods as others spent actually studying for tests.

"Sometimes kids steal test

PALM READING
While taking a vocabulary test during English class, a cheating student copies the answers off his hand. Rather than risk failing grades, some students used simple cheating methods to ensure desirable grades.

UNDER COVER
Taking advantage of permission to use a calculator, the nervous trigonometry student confirms her test answers with the formulas she put there the previous night. Although some students got away with hidden hints, stricter teachers took cheating precautions by altering test procedures.

A CLOSER LOOK
Puzzled by a question on his AP Chemistry test, Sea Chen, senior, rereads the problem. Fearing failure, students sometimes attempted legal methods of tackling problems before resorting to cheating.

STRIDE WRITE
Rather than study for her upcoming chemistry test, a sophomore finds a convenient spot to write her notes. Faced with cramming anxieties, many students opted to trim study time with creative cheating methods.

copies off of teachers' desks and do them at home," Brian Ross, senior, said. "After they fill the tests out, they shrink them on copy machines down to about the size of a thumb nail and cheat off of them. I don't know how they can even read them."

Subconsciously, students often absorbed the material included in making "cheat sheets." Once they received the tests, they often found that they didn't need to cheat after all.

"When you make a cheat sheet, you usually memorize it anyway because of all the time you spend writing it," Dara Kraay, junior, said.

BUT CHEAT SHEETS weren't the only method, as teachers often caught students using more unique ways to get the answers. "One time I could tell a certain student was cheating just by his body language," Mrs. Yorke said. "I sat behind him and noticed that he was looking out the window intently. When I looked out the window, I saw that he had pencilled the vocabulary words and definitions in a pile of snow."

In order to combat cheating students, teachers resorted to various methods of punishment. "Teachers usually give students an 'F' on whatever it was they cheated on," Brian said. "Sometimes, though, teachers' pets get caught cheating, but aren't punished. If teachers make the punishments equally harsh for everyone, they might prevent kids from cheating in the future."

Aware of cheating students but unable to prevent them, teachers often limited assignment values. "Since sometimes I can't avoid giving assignments easily cheated on, I just don't make them worth a lot of points," Mr. Scott McAlister, social studies teacher, said. "Half of the kids probably copy the answers from other people, but without proof all I can do is limit the assignments' worth."

ACCEPTED AS A FACT OF life, students gained exposure to cheating early on. As early as freshman year, students understood the cheating system.

"Kids are constantly running around the halls exchanging test answers," John Wasem, freshman, said. "It's always so easy to cheat when people are feeding you the answers. You don't have to be a genius to be a good cheater."

Hectic days and easy situations encouraged cheating students to take the easy way out.

"Cheating has become accepted, moral behavior," Mrs. Yorke said. "I wouldn't unfairly subtract points from a student in my grade book, so why is it okay for them to add points to their grades unfairly?"

Oblivious to such questions, the cautious student resorted to cheating again. As always, he slid down into his seat, reached into his pocket and yanked out the tiny sheet of paper. This time his copying ended more quickly, as the teacher inched toward him and snatched the calculator from his desk.

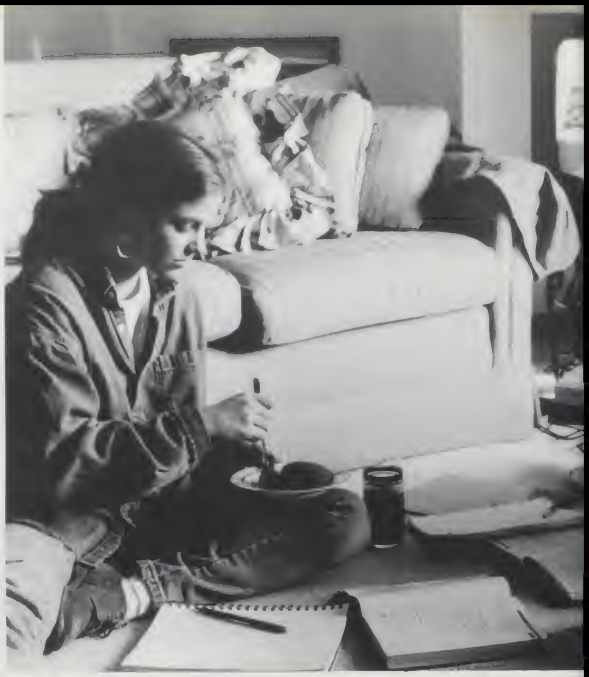
The startled student watched in horror as his teacher threw his cheat sheet and his grade out the window.

last minute

Anticipating an "A" on his test, Bo Ryband, junior, sits away from the Commons crowd to study for a final few seconds. Students sometimes used passing periods to catch up on studying neglected the night before.

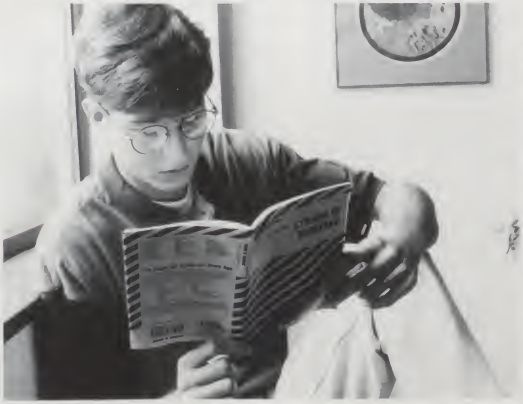
time out

With the TV blaring and their food hot, Denise Bertagnolli and Shelly Gordon, sophomores, take a break from their homework. Excuses such as watching TV and eating gave students a reason to procrastinate.



clifffhanger

Intently catching up on his summer reading, Jason Klaich, senior, tries to absorb all the neccessary details. *Cliffs Notes* provided procrastinating students with a way to quickly finish summer reading.



TIME *crunch*

Finishing assignments in the Commons or going to a last minute study session, procrastinating students find themselves rushing to turn in work

With his eyelids shutting from exhaustion, the procrastinating student rushed to finish his 10-page research paper as the clock hands crawled past 3 a.m.

Often enough, students found themselves waiting to the last minute to finish their dreaded homework assignments.

"I never did my homework the day it was assigned. It always seemed as if I had something better to do," Al Song, freshman, said. "I put it off until the last night before it was due, then I just stayed up late, worked my butt off, and tried to get the work done."

Most students felt the reason behind their procrastination stemmed from a lack of enjoyment from the subject matter.

"The biggest reason that students put things off is that they don't like the subject or they don't like the project they had to do," Doug Rathert, junior, said. "I think that being interested is the main key to drive you to work on something."

Occasionally procrastination caused a lower grade than usual due to rushing and poor work quality.

"I think it's bad because if you put off something until the last minute, 9 out of 10 times you won't get as good of a grade as if you didn't procrastinate," Cassie Pence, sophomore, said. "Also, it takes time away from your other homework because you have to cram everything in at the last minute. Then you get it finished really late and go to bed instead of finishing your other homework."

Although some procrastinating students rushed to get all their assignments done before the wee hours of the night, others chose to start their homework assignments immediately.

"When I got a big assignment that was due in a week, I started working right away. I knew that if I didn't I would never get done," Chris Fortin, senior, said. "That way I could balance it with other homework and have time to get other things done, instead of wasting one long night."

Exhausted, the student breathed a sigh of relief as the 10th page finished printing, then he collapsed in his bed and immediately fell asleep.

last words

As Shoshana Gordon, senior, gives a *Paragon* interview, seniors Susie Boyle, Natalie Yuraitis, Becky Marshall, and Laura Budzik offer opinions. Unfinished homework fit in whenever an extra minute existed.

off the top of your head

"I just stayed up late, worked my butt off, and tried to get the work done."

Al Song, freshman

quick question

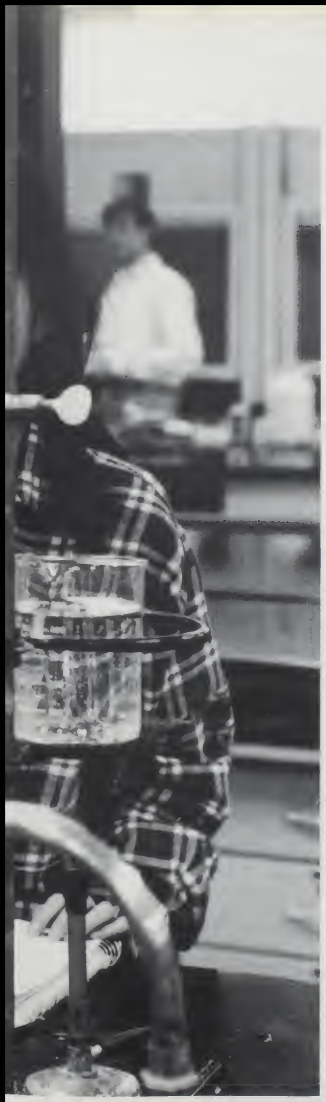
During class time, Sara Weaver, junior, asks Mr. Hal Coppage, history teacher for her missed assignments. After returning to school, students' responsibility to check what they missed posed problems for those who forget to ask.

remotely close

As Kelly Pfister, sophomore, finishes her never-ending stream of chemistry homework, she tries to avoid the distraction of the television. With extra homework, students frequently spent hours on missed assignments at home.

catching up

With time on her hands after school, Sheryl Russell, sophomore, attempts to finish homework accumulated throughout the day. Students found or made time to continue working on homework even after the final bell rang.



MIXED *results*

With the constant worry of homework piling up or the thought of falling behind in class, students avoid unnecessary absences to relieve stress

Desperately searching for room in his already filled book bag for even more books, he headed home with two weeks of homework assigned for one night. Making his way down the North hallway, he kept asking himself if it was really worth it to miss school.

Being away from school posed a problem for both teachers and students as makeup work quickly piled up. Students often feared the thought of coming back to school after being absent just to slave over their missed assignments.

"It's always nice to take a day or two off from the everyday routine of going to school," Omar Sheriff, freshman, said. "But you always have to think about catching up to the others in your class from where you left off."

Teachers continued the cycle of making up work both before and after school and sometimes during class. "Any time that a student has to make up work, it's a burden on both student and teacher," Mr. Tom Whiteley, history teacher, said.

A teacher's willingness to help often aided confused students who were absent from school. Although students appreciated assistance from teachers, some seemed intimidated to ask, according to Lori Block, sophomore.

"Some teachers don't understand we need help after we've been sick for a week," Lori said. "They just assume we know everything."

Forgetting the hassle of make-up tests, some students found the need to get called off from school the day of a dreaded test. Students often made excuses to parents to avoid taking a test.

"If a student misses school just to avoid taking a test, that is a bit extreme," Mr. Whiteley said. "But if they have an excused absence, then they are entitled."

With his heavy bookbag on one arm and his physics and literature books in his other arm, the boy piled the load into his car and headed home with thoughts of another endless night spent of pure homework.

drip-drop

Focused on her make-up chemistry lab, Helen Kuo, sophomore, meticulously drops water into her beaker. Absent students stayed after school to finish missed work and to avoid incompletes.

off the top of your head

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Omar Sheriff, freshman

MESS *around*

From dissecting pigs to perfecting pies, students use available hands-on experience to enhance their specialty skills while often making a mess in class

Readily equipped with mop, broom and dustpan, the evening janitor added some sparkle to even the messiest of situations. Between paint and plaster, sugar and spice, test tubes and petri dishes, disasters lurked around the corners of unsuspecting classrooms.

"We only have a certain amount of time to cook, so we're always in a hurry and it gets really messy," Tina Mancari, junior, said. "We're not allowed to leave our kitchen area until it's clean."

Some classes assign certain people in charge of each day's dirty work. "Two people have sink duty and two people have clay duty," Mrs. Marianne Mencher, art teacher, said. "It's their job to clean up or they get an 'F' for the day."

So-called messy classes also have a knack for getting students filthy before the day ends. "Paint, clay, ink, whatever you can get all over yourself, it all stains," Robin Harwood, senior, said. "Trying not to get it all over yourself is the hard part."

Students regretted not listening to the teacher when they were punished for not doing their job. "I had a work detail in chemistry; I had to glue down plastic and file papers," John Leslie, sophomore, said. "I was the only person that I know of who got a work detail."

Although some messy classes brought a break to the normal routine of the day, they also provided an accident waiting to happen. "It's a dirty job, but somebody's got to do it," Tina said.

off the top of your head

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Robin Harwood, senior

stainmasters

Experimenting in the lab, Barb Brennan, Natalie Bacha and Harry Kunelis, seniors, determine their results. The use of stains during labs often left microbiology students with splattered hands and clothes for the rest of the day.

lunch break

During a Project Biology trip to Indiana Dunes, Laura Andreshak, Cheryl Kras, Lisa Wozniakowski and Amie Swardson, seniors, take a lunch break. Forced to cook their own meals and clean up their own dishes, messes were commonplace on the trip to the Dunes.

pick and choose

While Yvette Castor, junior, identifies organs for a test, Mr Art Haverstock, zoology teacher, listens closely. With classes requiring dissections, students learned to deal with the smells and the mess of formaldehyde-coated animals.

down and dirty

Washing paint off their hands, Heidi Stout and Becky Reuth, freshmen, get rid of the colorful mess made in class. With messy classes students made sure the room was sparkling clean by the time the bell rang.

what's cookin'

Sizzling up a storm in foods class, Ralph Connor and Amy Metz, seniors, prepare to put their latest dish in the oven. With water boiling over or sugar spilled on the floor, foods students learned the hassle of the clean-up that came with cooking.

top honors

In her final address to the Senior Class, Judy Sun, valedictorian, speaks of possibilities for the future. Two speeches and songs by the Concert Choir added student involvement and emotion to the ceremony.

sign of relief

Proudly displaying the sign his parents made, Roque Cabagnot shows his relief after finally finishing. Though applause was supposed to be held until all had graduated, parents, friends and siblings had individual cheers, signs and whistles for their graduates.

letterwoman

Despite the wishes of the administration, Gina Bovara wears her name on her cap. Trying to make the day memorable, students individualized as much as possible while wearing the traditional cap and gown.

diploma hold

Onstage, Cheryl Kras receives her diploma from Mr. Wallace Peters, School Board member. Sitting through 293 names let seniors prepare for a moment on stage or to just relax.

WISE *words*

Signing off for the last time, graduates say good-bye to familiar faces, abandoned lockers and empty classrooms and look forward to future goals.

Minutes before the final signal to head down West Hall towards the Fieldhouse, 293 members of the Senior Class secured their caps, zipped their gowns and calmed their nerves one last time.

Realizing that the "End of the World As We Know It" had arrived, students prepared to move on from all they had shared with each other the last four years.

"I was going to miss the personalities I wouldn't keep up with and the friendly familiar faces," Yogini Samudra said. "The realization that I would never talk to some of them again made it a very sad moment. I couldn't believe it was over."

As Judy Sun and Chrisi Mead delivered their Valedictorian and Salutatorian addresses, they focused on inspirational words and common memories in order to leave their respective marks on their graduating classmates.

"I wanted to bring back good memories of the last four years," Chrisi said. "For me, my speech was a success, because people told me that they cried and laughed. That was all I wanted to get a reaction."

Keeping with the tone set by the speeches, the Senior Concert Choir sang excerpts from "The Secret Garden" and "Hero" by Mariah Carey.

"Usually we wore choir robes, but this time we wore graduation robes instead," Milan Dotlich said. "It really was the realization that this was the last time we would all sing together."

As each graduate made their way across the stage, shook hands and received their diploma, small spatterings of cheers and whistles from the audience and classmates followed.

"The emotional highlight of the day was when the whole Fieldhouse was clapping for Craig (Szasz)," John Dunn said. "We were all really proud to have him graduate as a member of our class."

As the Commons crowd shared their final farewells and shed tears of amazement, the students who arrived at the Auditorium a few short hours before as the Senior Class walked out the doors one final time as the Alumni of 1994.

topping it off

Carefully fixing Jeanine Baciu's cap, Mary Petrovich assists in final touch-ups. Quick bathroom runs to glance in the mirror one last time filled the 45 minute wait in the Auditorium before the ceremony.

off the top of your head

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Yogini Samudra, senior

SPONSORS POP FRESH DECISIONS

With lives outside of school and conflicting schedules, sponsors dedicate time to clubs

Swamped with work, parents and teachers searched for time in their hectic day to organize club activities.

Hoping to accomplish club goals, sponsors made sure that members fulfilled their fair share of responsibilities. "Students ran the club themselves. We just kept an eye on what was going on," Aquarium Club sponsor Mr. Edington, Science Department chairman, said.

Besides serving as advisors, club sponsors also offered advice and listened to problems. "Our sponsor was very easy to talk to. Whenever we had a problem, she was always listening," Cheerleading Captain Kelly Rothschild, freshman, said.

With the hard work came the rewards of sponsoring a club. "I enjoyed seeing young people develop the skill of speaking," Speech and Debate sponsor, Mrs. Helen Engstrom, English teacher, said. "It was something they could take with them."

Sometimes, however, sponsors ended up with all the work. "Sponsors who resigned were getting sick of being taken advantage of, while the students enjoyed their efforts," Gus Adamopolous, senior, said.

Some teachers also opted to make time for themselves. "When you spent time on something, it took up time for something else, like sleeping and teaching," ex-Project X sponsor Mr. Chuck Schallhorn, social studies teacher, said.

Through thick and thin, sponsors made the effort to furnish students with the events they enjoyed, while allowing friendships to grow. Together, they strove to accomplish everything they set out to.

"I enjoyed seeing young people develop the skill of speaking,"

Mrs. Helen Engstrom, Speech Coach

GANG'S ALL HERE

During the closing activities of Kid's Day, STAND sponsor Marsha Weiss's family group sings their rendition of the Addams Family theme song. Sponsors gave much of their time to their organizations by planning, preparing and executing activities such as Kid's Day.

STAGE PRESENCE

Giving the cast of *The Curious Savage* last-minute suggestions, Mr. Doug Irk, director, prepares for opening night. Club sponsors often put in extra hours to ensure student success.

STAND AND DELIVER

Popcorn in hand, Miss Ginger Douglas, Band director, and David Kaegebein, freshman, fulfill their fundraising responsibilites by preparing to for Munster Days while Mrs. Sandi Golonka, St. Margaret Mercy Vice President, looks on.

UP IN ARMS

While Pom members practice their routine, Miss Dana Baker, Poms sponsor, watches for any signs of weakness or areas of needed improvement. By giving bits of constructive criticism, sponsors helped members reach their goals.

Academic Competition Club: *(front row)* Ryan McNeil, Sujata Barai, Judy Sun, Yogini Samudra, Pam Wesner, Eugenia Ho. *(second row)* Becky Brown, Janice Tsai, Kay Watson, Helen Kuo, Sarika Rastogi, Amy Strong, Tejal Shah, Lisa Wozniakowski. *(third row)* Chirag Shah, Raul Salinas, Suchit Majmudar, Kevin Johnson, Jenny Pleitner, Jim Basil, Marius Hentea, Maytee Boonyapredee. *(back row)* Sea Chen, Cosmin Dobrescu, Mark Mackanos, Dennis Ruhl, Joe Florczak, Pete Mangus, Uma Vohra.

Aquarium Club: Gabe Porras, Steve Holka, Chirag Shah, Cosmin Dobrescu.

Art Club: *(front row)* Jessica Schoen, Jessica Lanzillo, Stacy Nishimura, Alexandra Kruczek, Jack Conley, Sarah Golonka, Kathy McCullough. *(second row)* Chris Smudin, Dan Porte, Julie Gricus, Jill Nowlan, Rebecca Budzik, Kevin Johnson, Joe Sus, Michelle Torreano. *(third row)* Roque Cabagnot, Matt Angel, Alfredo Alcala, Wes Gribas, Ryan Kouris, Kevin Kaiser. *(back row)* Javier Hernandez, Doug Wadle, Michelle Kaim, Danny Branch, Holly Senchak, Cheryl Streeter, Lisa Smundin.

Astronomy Club: *(front row)* Susan Carlson, Lisa Wozniakowski, Kelly Kwasny, Cathy Kroczek, Eugenia Ho. *(second row)* Melissa Lounsberry, Tiffany Wagner, Holly Senchak, Sea Chen, Robyn Wade, Jenny Frigo. *(back row)* Judy Sun, John Vanderwal, Gabe Porras, Grant Talabay, Dennis Ruhl, Mark Mackanos, Maytee Boonyapredee.

Band-Jazz: *(front row)* Chris Cantwell, Susan Burghardt, Matt Shike, Doug Reppen, Jessica Lanzillo. *(second row)* Tiffany Wagner, Neal Ambre, Rebecca Keith, Ron Magliola, Tim Glennon, Kristin Quinn. *(back row)* Melisa Benavente, Jeff Semko, Keith Madderom, Brad Vliek, Jason Petrungaro, John Vanderwal, Ben Hilt.

Band-Marching: *(front row)* Jenny Johnson, Jayme Parr, Patty Yerkovich, Susan Burghardt, Cheryl Kras, Lynn Westerfield, Cathy Burghardt, Michaela Dupkanic, Steve Kress, Candice Clarke, Elizabeth Wickland. *(second row)* Megan Shideler, Melisa Benavente, Angie Lee, Roger Luna, Mihir Bhatt, Sarah Swanson, Rob Kopenec, Laura Ellingsen, Kristin Quinn, Kay Watson, Kristiana Neff. *(third row)* Chrissy Lee, Gloria Cuban, Amy Croston, Rachel Schimming, Todd Higgerson, Derek Serna, Alison Dumaresq, Laura Anthony, Michelle Keith, Melissa Lounsberry, Jessica Lanzillo. *(back row)* Julie Shah, Jason Petrungaro, Julie Gricus, Jeff Nowakowski, Sam Hauter, Dana Bull, Laura Andreshak, Jeff Semko, Jeff Nosich, Sarah Golonka.

Band-Marching: *(front row)* Ricky Shah, Mehul Desai, Keith Madderom, Amy Hundley, Sarah Gribble, Tim Glennon, Sean Shideler, Jason Koscielski. *(second row)* Jon Vanderwal, Matt Lovasko, Rebecca Keith, Andy Martin, Cliff Carter, Neal Ambre, Matt Shike, Ben Mayes, Tiffany Wagner. *(back row)* Chris Cantwell, Steve Murray, Brad Vliek, Frank Wright, Dave Kaegebein, Bob Tracy, Bob Samardzic, Bill Osmulski, Ron Magliola.

Band-Marching: *(front row)* Jack Conley, Jimmy Yannakopoulos, Doug Reppen. *(second row)* Jim Hajduk, Phil Hajduk, Paul Parker, Mike Columbo. *(back row)* Nathan Compton, Pete Yerkovich, Nathan Kras, Jay Wright, Gabe Porras.

Freshman CEC: *(front row)* Hani Zabaneh, Katie Moser, Melanie Yuraitis, Laura Schrage, Kavitha Pai, Pete Cullen. *(back row)* Katie Brown, Mindy Nicholas, Chris Herkey, Lisa Tabion, Jill Savage.

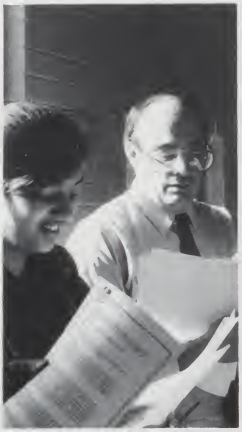
Junior CEC: *(front row)* Michelle Torreano, Amy Boyle, Julie Blackstone. *(second row)* Erin Houser, Kristin Quinn, Yvette Castor, Minna Koh. *(back row)* Holly Baran, Jason Doherty, Amy Bohling.

FINISHING TOUCH

Concentrating on making just the right mold, Doug Wadle, junior, works hard as seniors Kevin Kaiser and Charlie Alcala look on. Art Club gave students a chance to express their creative genius in an educational environment.

THE SMALLEST DETAIL

On the brink of competition, Academic Competition Club sponsor Mr. Bruce Curme, physics teacher, passes out information sheets to Uma Vohra, junior. Supplying additional information, sponsors gave members a jump on their opponents.



MORNING MELODIES

Orchestra members Helen Kuo and Mary Lee, sophomores, practice during Zero Hour. Musical clubs often forced students to work around inconvenient practices.

EXTRACURRICULARS MOLD STUDENT MINDS

Clubs introduce students to more than just fun and games as knowledge moves beyond classroom

As the student left his Aquarium Club meeting, he might not have realized how much he actually learned. Many clubs in the school provided a fun atmosphere while at the same time educating students.

Activities such as Speech and Debate went a long way in preparing a person for the real world, according to Cathy Kroczek, sophomore. "Being on the (debate) team for two years really helped my speaking ability," Cathy said. "It definitely did more than most of my other classes."

Between activities such as theater trips in Spanish Club and Oktoberfest in German Club, language clubs gave students cultural background in a relaxed atmosphere. "I learned more about the (German) culture," Ryan Kutansky, senior, said. "It was more fun than educational though."

Foreign language teacher Mrs. Helga Meyer, German Club sponsor, stressed the cultural awareness aspect of the club. "German Club did a lot to make the kids more interested (in cultures)," she said. "Some stuff was just for fun, but a lot of times we did learn from it."

The Music Department provided that same kind of "fun education," according to Laura Andreshak, senior. "I was in Band for four years, and I learned a lot about responsibility," she said. "I thought about going into something like that, but I also learned that it took more than met the eye."

"I learned how to build sets and balance my time. Time was very important to me."

Lisa Tabion, freshman

Drama Club members also gained knowledge about management. "I learned how to build sets and balance my time," Lisa Tabion, freshman, said. "Time was very important to me."

Whether learning about fish, forensics or foreign languages, students learned new skills while having fun.

IN THE MAIL

Preparing for home delivery, *Crier* editors Karl Bilimoria, senior, and Sara Conley, junior, complete their circulation duties. *Crier* taught good journalism skills and time management.

WORKING TO SERVE UNSELFISHLY

Students dedicate time, energy to help others while also learning about responsibility and commitment

Swamped with old notes and heavy books, the student walked down the hallway during Wednesday Resource Hour toward his National Honor Society (NHS) tutor.

Tutoring others had long been a part of NHS service to students. "It helped me to gain experience teaching others," Melissa Robbins, senior, said.

To serve the community, Project X rang bells at Jewel and wrapped presents for the Salvation Army.

"School was a place to gather teenagers to help out in the community," Project X president Corrie Watterson, senior, said. "We helped the community by running a food kitchen and sponsoring clothing drives."

Besides providing students with cookies and muffins, DECA served teachers by sponsoring a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast.

"We sponsored the breakfast because the teachers worked hard and they deserved to be honored," Mike Hough, senior, said.

Providing an outlet for feelings and thoughts, *Coffee House,* an arts and literature magazine, was established to offer an artistic outlet, according to Editor-in-Chief Art Mayes, senior.

"Since creative writing wasn't offered, *Coffee House* allowed students to submit work for publishing," English teacher, Mr. Phil Clark, sponsor, said.

Walking down the hallway after a heavy study session, the tutor gathered his books and headed home, knowing that his involvement helped the school.

"National Honor Society helped me to gain experience teaching others."

Melissa Robbins, senior

SPEAK UP

Reading the daily announcements, Grant Talabay, senior, informs students on the days' activities. Speech and Debate members used public speaking opportunities to prepare them for meets.

BAKER'S DOZEN

With the smell of Otis Spunkmeyer cookies in the air, Gina Bovara, senior, removes a tray to serve students. DECA students learned marketing skills while offering a snack of cookies.

SERVICE WITH A SMILE

As they serve coffee to Mr. Bipin Pai, Purdue Calumet Engineering professor, Speech and Debate Team members Amy Boyle and Kelly Heaney, juniors, work off required time at the annual Chicken Barbecue dinner. Team members worked for the school and community in order to raise money for the team's trip to Nationals.

ALL WRAPPED UP

Organizing the Adopt-an-Angel gifts, Patty Hemingway, senior, prepares the presents for delivery. Student Government members planned different activities to benefit others which helped them to better develop their leadership skills.

Senior CEC: *(front row)* Carolyn Lukas, Nicole Arethas, Scott Matucha, Tom Boilek, Kristin Apato. *(back row)* Pete Ronco, Chad Bohling, Chirag Shah, Tony Burrell, Amy Stover.

Sophomore CEC: *(front row)* Cori Garcia, Keri Kutansky, Debbie Kaplan. *(second row)* Kay Watson, Robyn Senchak, Dana Lazar, Jen Kenar. *(back row)* Amy Croston, Karen Blackstone, Andy Mikus, Karen Prisby, Meghan Bacino.

Freshman Cheerleaders: *(front row)* Renee Firrek. *(middle row)* Megan Safko, Elizabeth Wickland. *(back row)* Jenny Triana, Kelly Rothschild, Heather Hamilton.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders—fall sports: *(front row)* Robyn Senchak, Lori Block, Dana Lazar. *(back row)* Jen Kenar, Sara Weaver, Keri Kutansky.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders—winter sports: *(front row)* Sara Weaver. *(back row)* Jen Kenar, Kay Watson, Lori Block, Dana Lazar, Keri Kutansky.

Varsity Cheerleaders—fall sports: *(front row)* Allison Stalmack, Carolyn Lukas, Vicky LeVan. *(middle row)* Athena Tosiou, Kristin Quinn. *(back row)* Cathy Lukas, Erica Lesniak, Laura Triana.

Varsity Cheerleaders—winter sports: *(front row)* Kristin Quinn, Laura Triana, Carolyn Lukas, Athena Tosiou, Amy Rasch. *(back row)* Allison Stalmack, Cathy Lukas, Mary Petrovich.

Crier: *(front row)* Lauren Lumbrazo, Carrie Wadycki, Jacqueline Morrow, Joy Miller, Marti Trgovich, Katie Larsen. *(second row)* Daria Cullen, Kris Nowak, Natasha Gasich, Stephanie Rudd, Karl Bilimoria, Sasha Gasich, Dan Kim, Jody Johnson. *(back row)* Jim Sofos, Georgette Kouris, Radley Robinson, Andy Kulas, Tony Burrell, Matt Saltanovitz, Joe Sus.

Junior DECA: *(front row)* Katie Erikson, Heather Briski, Karen Ferrara, Greg Szypczak, Natalie Martich, Melanie King, Kim Johnston, Angie Lalich. *(second row)* Nicole Gonzales, Mike Columbo, Donna Hough, Mike Crowley, Dennis Hoogeveen, Joel Franklin, Garrett Kozlowski, Corey Lucas, Candice Smith. *(back row)* Jeff Nowakowski, Raj Grewal, Charlie Alcala, Robert Barber, Kenny Peiser, Allen Tarpley, Joe Weber, Lynn Hirsh.

SELLING ROMANCE

Unsure of what to expect, Michelle Segeleon, senior, buys a Dates for Dystrophy form from DECA member Nikki Bartok, junior. The Food Court provided a popular setting for organizations who needed funds.

MR. CLEAN

By cleaning up after Chicken Barbeque patrons, Speech and Debate member Dennis Ruhl, junior, fulfills his team duties. Many clubs placed high emphasis on fundraising, making it mandatory for students to help out.

FUNDRAISERS PAY OFF FINANCES

In order to stay active throughout the year, many clubs turn to fundraising to meet their needs

As the student strolled through South Hall, he couldn't resist the smell of DECA cookies, but had just enough money to buy his girlfriend's Valentine carnation. He was overwhelmed by the incredible fundraiser frenzy.

Though often taxing on student budgets, many clubs used opportunities to make money for their organizations.

For groups like Speech and Debate, one fundraiser provided money for the year. "Our Chicken Barbecue provided a big chunk of our expenses," Speech and Debate coach, Mrs. Helen Engstrom, English teacher, said.

Some groups had problems funding activities. "We didn't always make as much as we would've liked," Kristiana Neff, sophomore, said. "If they (the fundraisers) worked, we usually spent it on uniforms and stuff. If not, we all went into debt."

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Kristiana Neff, sophomore

Many organizations played on taste buds to earn profits. "We sold candy to raise money for lots of stuff," Flag Corps captain Mandy Brown, senior, said. "It was common, but at least we knew that the students went for it."

New groups, such as *Coffee House* magazine, used fundraisers for recognition. "We had a bake sale that brought attention to our first issue," Art Editor Doug Wadle, junior, said.

Without fundraisers, top clubs would have difficulties, according to Mrs. Engstrom. "We used money on important things," she said. "We had to pay for overnight accommodations, judging fees and reference materials."

As the boy made up his mind, he handed a dollar to the DECA member for his three cookies, and his girlfriend's flower would have to wait one more day.

LOADING UP

To raise money for Freshman Class Executive Council, Mindy Nichols picks up candy to sell during school. Candy sales provided easy, reliable sources of club income.

THE PRICE OF AIR

Selling balloons during Spirit Week, DECA member Kim Johnston, senior, ties the finishing ribbon. Special events often promoted the sales of different novelties by clubs in need of funds.

MAKING PICTURE PERFECT MEMORIES

Fieldtrips contribute an extra learning experience to club members while allowing them to have fun

After planning the trip for a month, the club member arrived at the school at noon and boarded the bus bound for the Art Institute. Taking a seat next to his friend, the student prepared for the hour long bus ride, anticipating his future cultural experience.

Besides adding experience, fieldtrips allowed club members to learn lessons for the future. "At conferences, we hoped to help students experience different careers," DECA sponsor Mr. Kent Lewis, sales and marketing teacher, said. "It also let students meet other DECA students from around the country."

Allowing students to hang out with their old friends and make new friends, fieldtrips provided fun for members.

"The Gator Bowl was fun because I met a lot of new people from all over the United States," Band member Jim Yannakopoulos, freshman, said. "When we weren't practicing, which was most of the time, we went swimming at the hotel or shopping."

Bonds developed between club members as they spent time together on bus rides and fieldtrips. "Riding the bus with a bunch of people and going to the party there (Gator Bowl) was fun," Poms member Susie Manous, sophomore, said. "I got to know a lot of people better and I made new friends."

On the bus ride home, the student shared his day's experiences with his friend. Knowing that even with all the fun he had that day, he still learned something new in the mean time.

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>
> Jim Yannakopoulos, freshman

ANIMAL HOUSE

During a fieldtrip to the Lincoln Park Zoo, German Club members gaze at the lions. Fieldtrips not only served as entertainment, but also as learning experience as club members wrote about their day's experiences in German.

SAY CHEESE

At the Capitol in Washington, DC, Andy Kulas, senior, snaps a picture of Shoshana Gordon, Jeanine Baciu and Galyn Gasparovic, seniors. Learning trend-setting ideas and witnessing political guest Jesse Jackson in action, journalism students travelled to the national convention.

Senior DECA: *(front row)* Christine Justak, Eric Kime, Amy Metz, Kelly Tancos, Mr. Kent Lewis. *(second row)* Jason Jadernak, Amy Damjanovich, Troy Dellorto, Kathy Jabaay, Kristina Hardy, Jennifer Coyle. *(back row)* John Chronowski, Mike Hough, Burt Hulse, Eric Miller, Rob Long, Peter Economou.

Ensembles-Junior Girls. *(front row)* Jessica Kaufman, Julie Blackstone, Amy Boyle, Vicky LeVan, Jessica Schoen, Michelle Torreano. *(second row)* Tina Mancari, Yvette Castor, Man Dee Adams, Colette Keslin, Megan Beckman. *(third row)* Jill Pfister, Amy Bohling, Kristine Loprich, Jennifer Dagenais, Nora Lasbury, Tracy Fant. *(back row)* Jen Nellans, Elizabeth Krol, Jill Semko, Heidi May, Julie Brickman, Donna Hough, Stephanie Rudd.

Ensembles-Junior Boys: *(front row)* Ryan Boilek, Jason Doherty, Owen Moore, Matt Bochnowski. *(second row)* Eric Roades, Tim Gordon, Tony Bazarko, Tom Anzur, John Melby. *(back row)* Doug Rathert, Bo Ryband, Keith Thomas, Jeff O'Connor

Ensembles-Freshman/Sophomore Boys: *(front row)* Mark Ward, Jay Jankus, Bob Rogan, Ben Mayes, John-Paul Nowak, Dan Kmiec. *(second row)* Adrian Trela, Mark Matucha, Jeremy Seaver, Alex Colakovic, Aaron Zambo, Chris Clifford. *(back row)* Chris Bielfeldt, Scott Zimmerman, Mike Harbison, David Pesich, Adam Jagadich, Dan Zabrecky, Dave Cox.

PARTY ANIMALS DIRECT FUN AND GAMES

With duties done, clubs turn to parties and fun to add enjoyment and keep members coming back

As the bell sounded at the end of the school day, the student quickly gathered his books and rushed to his club's annual party. In anticipation of alleviating some of his stresses, the student celebrated this hassle-free moment.

Foreign language clubs took time out to enjoy festivals from different countries. German Club commemorated Oktoberfest by sponsoring a party for students and community members in the Food Court. Students dressed up and sampled German cuisine like apfel kuchen and bratwurst.

"Oktoberfest rocked. I enjoyed food, partied and acted stupid with my friends," Michelle Kaim, senior, said. "I also captured that German spirit."

Observing Mardi Gras, French Club members dressed in costume and wore green, blue, red and yellow masks made of feathers, jewels and many elaborate trimmings to participate in the French festivities.

"I forgot my mask for the party, so I had to borrow one of Mrs. Alyce Mart Webb's (French Club sponsor) that looked like an ostrich," Marcee Bowen, sophomore, said.

Parties and celebrations also worked to help members make friends. "We hung around, talked, watched movies at each other's houses and got to know each other better," Poms member Melissa Mask, sophomore, said.

Breaking the regular schedule, *Paragon* parties provided a relaxed atmosphere for students to be social with one another instead of the usual grind. "Parties were fun because stress left the room for a couple minutes in the hour," Allison Stalmack, junior, said. "Everyone forgot about deadlines for a while and focused on having fun."

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>
> Allison Stalmack, junior

As the excitement of the party ended, the student reluctantly returned to his schedule, a bit more relaxed than he had felt before.

HEAD START

While learning relaxation techniques, seniors Judy Sun, Natalie Bacha and Laura Andreshak, and juniors Carrie Manion and Jessica Kaufman take part in Kids' Day STAND sponsored the day-long activity full of games and learning.

SIGNING OFF

Before the Homecoming Parade, Caryn Hockema, senior, perfects the sign for the Art Club car. Homecoming week provided clubs with an easy opportunity to have some fun and participate in the parade.

GATOR BOWL BOUND

As Miss Ginger Douglas, band director, leads the band in the fight song, Bob Samardzic, junior, reminds them of their upcoming trip to the Gator Bowl in Florida. Though Band members dedicated many hours to perfecting their performances, their reward came with the opportunities for fun that travelling to competition provided.

CHOP CHOP

Slicing celery for an Oktoberfest platter, John Foushi, junior, works to finish preparations for the German Club celebration. Students often gave their time to improve the quality of their club's celebrations.

Ensembles-Senior Boys: *(front row)* Grady Willis, Dan Wilson, Tom Boilek, Chris Tomeo, Pete Ronco, Jason Greenbaum. *(second row)* Brad Caddick, Mike Jez, Chris Fortin, Chad Bohling, Matt Mybeck, Mike Fekete. *(third row)* Mark Meyers, Steve Holka, Tim Semchuck, Steve Zimmerman, Art Mayes, Grant Talabay, Scott Matucha. *(back row)* Brian Eldridge, Milan Dotlich, Frank Wright, Steve Kaiser, Brian Zweig, Tim Bognar, Josef Riccio, Radley Robinson.

Ensembles-Senior Girls: *(front row)* Erin O'Connor, Yogini Samudra, Natalee Newsom, Catherine Barrow, Dawn Bainbridge, Jamie Block. *(second row)* Nicole Arethas, Arlene Rossin, Leslie Hundley, Kristin Johnson, Heather Siukola, Ashley Wasem, Brigette Campbell. *(back row)* Melissa Robbins, Beth Chansler, Holly Senchak, Sarah Ambos, April Glueckert, Melissa Robbins, Carolyn Pesich.

Ensembles-Senior Mixed: *(front row)* Pete Ronco, Jamie Block, Brigette Campbell, Kristin Johnson, Leslie Hundley, Heather Siukola, Ashley Wasem, Nicole Arethas, Natalee Newsom, Mr. Holmberg. *(second row)* Grant Talabay, Chris Tomeo, Mike Jez, Steve Zimmerman, Mike Fekete, Brad Vlock, Grady Willis, Matt Mybeck, Tim Bognar. *(third row)* Beth Chansler, Sarah Ambos, Yogini Samudra, Catherine Barrow, Dawn Bainbridge, April Glueckert, Holly Senchak, Bethany Moritz. *(back row)*Tom Boilek, Milan Dotlich, Art Mayes, Steve Kaiser, Tim Semchuck, Frank Wright, Chris Fortin, Steve Holka, Josef Riccio.

Ensembles-Sophomore Girls: *(front row)* Marivi Javate, Domani Quagliara, Jill Dunn, Davina Muzumdar, Kelly Kwansy. *(second row)* Dana Lazar, Keri Kutansky, Paitra Economou, Amy Strong, Leslie Hernandez, Jen Kenar, Christie Boyd. *(third row)* Sarah Pipping, Karen Blackstone, Marcee Bowen, Carrie Witting, Robyn Senchak. *(back row)* Shelly Gordon, Alaina Altschul, Amy Hundley, Kelly Phister, Kristina Kluga, Melissa Mask, Meghan Bacino.

Flag Corps: *(front row)* Chris Smundin, Jackie Persic, Lisa Smundin, Bonny Martin. *(second row)* Candy Noel, Cindy Klus, Mandy Brown, Alexandra Kruczek, Gabby Lewis. *(back row)* Chrissy Oblon, Melissa Robbins, Dani Jayjack, Melinda Robbins.

AMBITIOUS STUDENTS WORK TOWARD GOALS

For involved teenagers, self-motivation provides necessary key to success

She sat in a corner of the library, researching her latest assignment. As a school newspaper reporter, she knew that unless every student felt motivated to work, there would be no paper.

Many clubs and organizations relied on student's personal responsibility for completing their duties. Some students attributed their strive for success to the fact that it helped their club in the long run. "I liked seeing the results of my work," journalism photographer BJ Slater, freshman, said. "Knowing I did a good job was part of it. It helped that I found taking pictures interesting."

Many sponsors found that helping students become motivated was the hardest thing to do. "It was very difficult getting them to see ahead," Mr. Kent Lewis, DECA sponsor, said. "I tried to tell them about the benefits, but at times they couldn't see them."

Knowing that current involvement could affect future goals provided the initiative and motivation for some students. "I wanted to major in journalism and I knew *Crier* would be a good step in that direction," Georgette Kouros, junior, said. "Deadlines also motivated me, and seeing my work and the byline in the paper kept me working hard."

Pure enjoyment, as well as a little outside influence, gave some students the basis for their individual involvement. "I practiced alone to get better," Orchestra member Kristina Paik, sophomore, said. "My parents encouraged it too, and it gave me a good break."

As the newspaper came out and the writer saw her story on the front page, she finally realized that all the personal work was well worth it.

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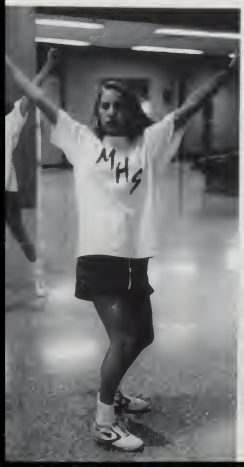
>
> BJ Slater, freshman

MARK OF SUCCESS

Focused on his work, debater Rob Hendrickson, senior, prepares to compete. Though coaching sessions provided assistance, team members took it upon themselves to perfect performances.

THE RIGHT CHOICE

In the initial stages of preparation, Breann Urbanowiez, freshman, chooses her Academic Club Competition (ACC) category. ACC members prepared vigorously for competition.



PROGRESS MONITOR

Building his opinion page for *Crier*, Tony Burrell, senior, works after school in South Hall's new computer lab. Journalism II students often needed to balance busy schedules and work late into the night in order to meet deadlines.

STRIKING A POSE

Diligently practicing cheers with other Poms members, Allison Archer, sophomore, goes through her routine. Memorizing routines and keeping in shape motivated many Poms members both during practice and on their own.

French Club: *(front row)* Kim Houston, Kristin Johnson, Pete Ronco, Joe Sus, Steve Holka, Amy Strong, Becky Brown. *(second row)* John Mulcahy, Javier Hernandez, Kevin Johnson, Shoshana Gordon, Gayln Gasparovic, Daria Cullen, Dina Ranieri, Dan Porte. *(third row)* Shaek Rahmany, Brian Christiansen, Katie Bona, Ember Garrett, Mark Mackanos, Rachel Shimming, Katie Daugherty, Alexandra Hinich, Ahmad Tokhey. *(back row)* Elizabeth Krol, Ron Davidson, Jeremie Brackett, Chirag Shah, Matt Knoepke, Ryan Baggett, Jamie Muskin, Denice Hough.

French Club: *(front row)* Lori Block, Aaron Brown, Sara Jones, Sunah Kim, Jessica Kaufman, Kathy McCullough, Chris Smundin, Yogini Samurdra, Ryan McNeil, Eugenia Ho. *(second row)* Hemal Parikh, Carrie Manion, Jacob Florczak, Amanda Burrell, Rachel Fine, Ellen Kucharski, Marius Hentea, Mary Lee, Dara Kraay. *(third row)* Jessica Lanzillo, Gina Mirabelli, Jeanne Horak, Jaqueline Morrow, Yvette Castor, Kim Smith, Anne-Marie Smith, Alexandra Kruczek, Jennifer Zeme, Maxine Bowen. *(back row)* Abby Levin, Marjorie Roades, Jennifer Russell, Jenny Pleitner, Beth VanDeraa, Katie Frazier, Sarah Golonka, Becky Rueth, Donna Hough.

German Club: *(front row)* Adrian Trela, Steve Kobo, Tiffany Wagner, Mike Fekete, Lisa Krieger, Julie Shah, Kevin Gralewski, Mark Sampias. *(second row)* Bill Osmulski, John Foushi, Joe Weber, John Vanderwal, Mark Mackanos, Kanny Turke, Nathan Kras, Nathan Compton, Aaron Zambeski. *(third row)* Andrew Bueko, Davin Loh, Chris Tomeo, Brad Vliek, Bob Tracy, Scott Matucha, Kelly East, Don Carter. *(back row)* Ron Davidson, Geoff Kaiser, Mark Grabski, Grant Talabaay, Steve Kaiser, Chirag Shah, Kenneth Peiser, Tony Burrell.

German Club: *(front row)* Chris Palazzolo, Chris Tomeo, B.J. Palmer, Angela Kolodziej. *(second row)* Michelle Kaim, Shaek Rhamany, Dina Ranieri, Cheryl Kras, Shelly Poplowski, Jarod Simonetto, Radely Robinson. *(third row)* Grady Willis, Adam Lulinski, Cathy Lukas, Shawn Codinu, Natalie Yuraitis, Carolyn Lukas, Julie Fekete, Pete Ronco. *(back row)* Steve Kaiser, Ryan Kutansky, Brian Krieger, Holly Senchak, Deepak Patil, Ed Renwald, Jason Petrungaro, Pete Mangus.

German Club: *(front row)* Chris Cantwell, Susan Carlson, Lisa Wozniakowski, Paitra Economou, Catherine Barrow, Kristen Weber, Steve Kress. *(second row)* Erica Mullins, Cathy Kroczek, Cara Bailey, Ryan Park, Elizabeth Pat, Chris Clifford. *(third row)* Noah Brubaker, Marius Hentea, Mark Ward, Andy Miller, Wes Gribas, Jen Szypczak, Matt Shike. *(back row)* Steve Kaiser, Tarek Rahmany, Gene Woz, Grant Talabaay, Paul Economou, Robyn Wade, Kristina Paik, Mike Grady, Neal Ambre.

HIDDEN EFFORTS PAINT POSSIBILITIES

In the days and weeks prior to public performances, students behind the scenes put in countless hours toward perfection

With minutes to spare, he pounded the last nail into place as he declared that the set was finished. Until the curtains finally rose, backstage crews put in time and effort in order to make different events successful.

"We 'techies' worked to make the performances look great," Kathy Burghardt, freshman, said. "Our most difficult task, the construction of a four-horse carousel, consumed much of our time and effort."

Working to achieve harmony, Ensemble members practiced during class and after school for the shows by learning songs and perfecting dances.

"It took time to learn the words and notes along with dances and synchronizing everyone," Ensemble member John Melby, junior, said. "All the hard work paid off, because Ensembles performed well."

> *"All the hard work paid off, because Ensembles performed well."*
> John Melby, Junior Ensemble member

Practicing prepared Flag members for performances at football and basketball games, along with their performance in the Gator Bowl Parade.

"Practicing psyched us up for the day, especially when we were nervous about performing," Flags member Chris Smundin, junior, said.

While rehearsing prepared students for performances, planning helped ease the tension that existed as dances approached. According to Junior Class sponsor Mr. Scott McAlister, social studies teacher, planning Prom took time and determination, from organizing the decorations to finding a DJ and making sure that funds existed to finance the whole event.

As the actors received final applause, the crew stood back and appreciated how much their hard work and dedication behind the scenes paid off.

IN TUNE

Practicing formation and perfecting playing, Band members tune up for one of their half-time shows. Members practiced during zero hour before heading to the field to perform.

FINISHING TOUCH

While detailing the window frame of the "Plaza Suite" set, backstage crew member Kellie Myers, junior, concentrates on finishing her task before heading home. Theater members spent their time working on sets that enhanced the atmosphere of their final production.

TYING IT UP

As they assist each other with last minute touch-ups, Sophomore Ensemble members Marivi Javate and Carrie Witting prepare for their Holiday concert. Ensemble members prepared for months to perform for each of the shows that they presented to various groups in the community.

National Honor Society: *(front row)* Carrie Watterson, Michelle Kaim, Chrisi Mead, Amy Stover, Lisa Krieger, Annie Rawlings, Carolyn Petich, Jennifer Russell. *(second row)* Melissa Robbins, Amy Hansen, Mike Fekete, Holly Senchak, Michelle Crepeau, Brad Vliek, Laura Andreshak, Rebecca Keith. *(third row)* Dave Hankin, Joe Florczak, Bradley Hooker, Josef Riccio, Jim Sofos, Karl Bilimoria, Dan Spomar. *(back row)* Steve Holka, Jeff Bagull, Tim Fesko, Chirag Shah, Steve Tulowitzki, Tim Bognar, Milan Dotlich, Tony Burrell.

National Honor Society: *(front row)* Eugenia Ho, Jamie Block, Erin O'Connor, Lisa Shah, Catherine Barrow, Pamela Wesner, Yogini Samudra, Julie Shah, Susan Carlson. *(second row)* Alison Byrne, Tiffany Wagner, Nicole Arethas, Leslie Hundley, Judy Sun, Jen Szypczak, Natalie Bacha, Sujata Baral. *(third row)* Cathy Lukas, Carrie Hanas, Patty Hemingway, Pete Ronco, Angie Darrow, Karen Edington, Kristin Johnson, Jeanine Baciu, Grady Willis. *(back row)* Ian Tan, Dan Tabion, Galyn Gasparovic, Mike Jez, Matt Mybeck, Shoshana Gordon, Sea Chen, Amy Rasch

Orchestra: *(front row)* BJ Palmer, Della Marco, Elizabeth Paik, Cara Bailey, Andrea Illingworth, Meghan Matthews, Kavitha Pai *(second row)* Odette Gutierrez, Kristiana Neff, Marius Hentea, Tejal Shah, Allison Porch, Sheryl Russell, Lora Segeleon, Mary Lee. *(third row)* Heidi Stout, Helen Kuo, Meghan Bacino, Kavita Chowdary, Dana Lazar, Robyn Senchak, Melissa Mask, Janice Tsai. *(back row)* Ben Hilt, Elaine Deveny, Davin Loh, Jeremie Brackett, Hill Son, Lauren Hensley, Kristina Paik

Paragon: *(front row)* Dee Palma, Kathy McCullough, Nicole Arethas, Jamie Schatz, Minna Koh, Brigette Campbell, Michelle Frankowiak *(second row)* Andrea Simcoe, Marika Voukidas, Kellie Myers, Shoshana Gordon, Jeanine Baciu, Amie Swardson, Laura Budzik, Allison Stalmack. *(back row)* Kris Nowak, Amy Stover, Paul Nelson, John Dunn, Tim Gordon, Amy Damjanovich, Galyn Gasparovic.

Poms: *(front row)* Ashley Wasem, Nicole Arethas. *(second row)* Cori Garcia, Heidi May, Jaci Shepp, Nora Lasbury, Heather Patterson. *(third row)* Beckie Manous, Sarah Gribble, Holly Senchak, Susie Manous, Jenny Rosenthal. *(back row)* Jill Dunn, Melissa Mask, Becky Brown, Amy Hundley, Jaime Dausch, Heather Siukola, Christie Boyd, Allison Archer.

STUDENTS DANCE TO THE TOP

As the final product appears, club members give sigh of relief knowing the work finally paid off

During weeks of preparation, club members spent their extra time and effort to perfect what they started. From beginning to end, the long strenuous hours finally paid off when the finished product appeared.

Whether placing in a speech meet, or selling another edition of the *Crier*, club members felt joy and accomplishment after the completion of their project finally came to an end.

"I loved the feeling when you thought you did well because you worked so hard," Leslie Hundley, senior, said. "Especially at speech meets. There was so much competion."

Spending time before and after school, students prepared and competed with much pressure placed on the outcome.

"Whenever I was in a tough situation, I tried to forget about the pressure and how bad it was," John Rybicki, sophomore, said.

Plays and musicals consumed much time from involved students. However, many chose the responsibility despite knowing the consequences.

"I knew the musical would take most of my time after school," Christine Puchalski, junior, said, "but I was willing to make an extra effort."

If all went according to plans, the final ending of a product proved to be, in most cases, a success. With much time used in preparing for the outcome, members often felt the pressures alleviated in the end.

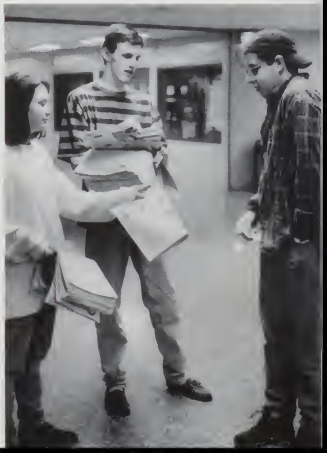
"I loved the feeling when you thought you did well because you worked so hard."
Leslie Hundley, senior

"After I was done with a project, I wanted to go somewhere just to relax because it took so much energy out of me," Chris Boudi, freshman, said.

It's been said that no greater joy existed than that found in a job well done, especially when the final product appeared.

STEP TO THE BEAT

Marching their way down Columbia Ave., the Flags, led by Melissa Robbins, senior, perform their routine practiced daily. To perfect their performances, club members often rehearsed regularly before, after or during school.



PRESS STOP

In search of two dimes and a nickel, Mike Dovellos, senior, stops Jody Johnson, junior, and Andy Kulas, senior, to buy a *Crier*, sold twice a month. After giving up afternoons to make deadline, staff members celebrated their success with Harvey Awards and Ball State Awards.

MERRY MELODY

During the Christmas choral concert, the Sophomore Girls' Ensembles sing and dance to "Christmas Boogie." Ensemble members spent time during choir class to prepare for their two concerts and a variety of special engagements in order to enhance their finished productions.

SHINING THROUGH

While placing a speech trophy inside the cabinet, Speech and Debate State winner, Sujata Barai, senior, adds another reminder of the Speech Team's success to the trophy case. Speech and Debate Team members gave their extra time and effort towards capturing both the Speech and Debate State titles.

Project X: *(front row)* Lori Block, Lisa Woznakowski, Erin O'Connor, Jill Dunn, Cindy Klus, Amit Dalal, Yogini Samudra, Chrisi Mead, Ryan McNeil, Michelle Torreano. *(second row)* Frances Legaspi, Sujata Barai, Allison Holland, Helen Kuo, Laura Buehne, Katie Amdahl, Elaine Deveney, Ricky Shah, Sarika Rastogi, Nikki Busch. *(third row)* Tracie Austgen, Laura Ellingsen, Sarah Gribble, Kristin Quinn, Carrie Junker, Therese Keslin, Jen Szypczak, Sara Weaver, Jenny Pleitner, Melissa Lounsberry. *(back row)* Pamela Wesner, Stacy Bulan, Bill Osmulski, Ryan Kutansky, Gabe Porras, Chris Herkey, Lynn Hirsch, Mark Mackanos, Amanda Horvath.

Quill and Scroll: *(front row)* Daria Cullen, Shoshana Gordon, Jeanine Baciu. *(back row)* Galyn Gasparovic, Amy Stover, Jim Sofos, Karl Bilimoria, Matt Saltanovitz, Tony Burrell.

SADD: *(front row)* Cindy Klus, Cheryl Oblon, Cathy Burghardt, Paitra Economou, Pam Wesner, Susan Carlson, Frances Legaspi. *(second row)* Deborah Hesek, Davina Muzumdar, Nikki Busch, Kelly Nixon, Kay Watson, Helen Kuo, Athena Tosiou, Katie Amdahl, Laura Buehne. *(third row)* Melissa Benavente, Carrie Junker, Sarah Gribble, Chris Herkey, Dina Ranieri, Greg Szypczak, Chrissy Oblon, Jenny Pleitner. *(back row)* Kim Houston, Beth VanDeraa, Therese Keslin, Gabe Porras, Joe Hroch, Mark Mackanos, Amanda Horvath, Michelle Kaim, Kellie Myers.

Speech and Debate: *(front row)* Jill Reidelbach, Kavita Chowdary, Corrie Watterson, Phillip Nelson, Marius Hentea, Melissa Mask, Robyn Senchak, Jenny Pleitner. *(second row)* Kawin Boonyapredee, Ron Magliola, Amy Stover, Galyn Gasparovic, Jason Doherty, Karl Bilimoria, Dave Hankin. *(third row)* Brad Vlek, Brandon Holt, Angela Shearman, Leah Shapiro, Julie Brickman, Chris Boudi, Amy Cornelison, Ryan Kouris *(back row)* Jill Heaney, Dennis Ruhl, Peter Cullen, Chirag Shah, Greg Nadolski, Bob Hendrickson, Georgette Kouros.

TRYING TO FILL BOOKED SCHEDULES

Leaders search for time to complete necessary duties while keeping order in club activities

Coping with tedious problems and grueling chores, student leaders discovered the responsibilities involved in managing a club.

Completing errands and organizing parties exemplified some of the many tasks of club leaders. Teamwork helped leaders handle the duties and pressures associated with power.

Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) leaders dealt with various obstacles during the beginning of the year. Members met alternating weeks with the officers to learn about the activities. On off-weeks the officers met to brainstorm ideas and discuss goals.

"I tried to help SADD vice president, Beth Van Deraa (senior) as much as possible because there was a lot of work to be done. I felt that as an officer, I should do all that I could to help run SADD," treasurer, Kim Houston, sophomore, said.

Planning activities, arranging for supplies and employing volunteers assumed much of the Students Taking A New Direction (STAND) steering committee's time.

"Mainly we wanted to give people a chance to get acquainted and have fun at Kid's Day. It took a lot of work, but it was worth it," STAND steering committee member, Meghan Woodrick, junior, said.

Along with running meetings and organizing events, club leaders initiated communications between the sponsors and members.

"I think as a club president my main responsibility was facilitating communications by periodically checking in with the sponsor, and talking about the club and any concerns that the sponsor may have had," French Club president, Chirag Shah, senior, said. "Informing the students of the sponsor's concerns and asking all the students about any ideas they might have had for the club was also important."

Though some clubs were run by sponsors, some student leaders were left to run their clubs completely, by even managing expenses and attracting new members.

"Mr. Haverstock and I just advised Aquarium Club and we wanted to keep it that way, student run," Aquarium Club Co-sponsor, Mr. John Edington, Science Department chairman, said.

Depending on the time of year, club leaders spent from two to seven hours a week at school, planning or participating in activities. During that time, they dedicated their leadership and organizational skills to their clubs, and they also reaped the benefits of the responsibilities they had.

"I learned group skills and the importance of negotiating and compromise. I found out that you should represent and make decisions for the people that elected you and not just yourself," CEC member, Katie Frazier, sophomore, said.

Students thought that a leader's job just consisted of running meetings and helping to involve students, but sponsors knew that it took much more. It took dedication, time and effort to accomplish their jobs.

After hours of work spent taking charge of their respective clubs, student leaders realized that the skills they learned would follow them in future endeavors.

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>
> Katie Frazier, sophomore

TEACHING TABLES

To prepare for the upcoming test, National Honor Society president Lisa Krieger, senior, assists Jenny Johnson, freshman, with her biology. Along with added leadership responsibilities, normal club requirements applied to leaders, too.

LEADER OF THE PACK

While practicing for the Sycamore Pumpkin Parade, Poms captain Nicole Arethas, senior, leads the march. Club leaders spent their time practicing and preparing for various club activities including competitions as well as performances.

OUT IN THE FIELD

Exciting the crowd, Student Body President Tim Bognar, senior, fulfills his presidential duties by speaking for the Football Team at the Homecominging Pep Rally as Vice President Milan Dotlich, senior, awaits his turn

Speech and Debate: *(front row)* Amanda Burell, Margaret Dawson, Heather Shutko, Katie Bona, Katie Moser, Meghan Buchanan. *(second row)* Alison Byrne, Ricky Shah, Katie Brown, Dave Weck, Raul Salinas, Judy Sun, Tejal Shah. *(third row)* Max Goodman, Katie Frazier, Nicole Arethas, ManDee Adams, Becky Brown, Laura Anthony, Suchit Majmudar, Andy Stemer. *(back row)* Janice Tsai, Laura Schrage, Jennifer Russell, Jennifer Sinosna, Uma Vohra, Carrie Witting, Kristin Quinn.

Speech and Debate: *(front row)* Jordon Feldman, Kim Keer, Heather Ciastko, Marivi Javate, Kavitha Pai. *(second row)* Jessica Kaufman, Jeff Perz, Kunal Shah, Cori Garcia, Aaron Brown, Christopher Cailles, Tatum Miller. *(third row)* Mary Lee, Cathy Kroczek, Yogini Samudra, Sujata Barai, Jamie Hezimovich, Lisa Shah, Kristiana Neff, Evan Greenbaum. *(back row)* Helen Kuo, Davina Muzumdar, Allison Horvath, Kristin Fisher, Amy Boyle, Sarika Rastogi, Kay Watson.

STAND: *(front row)* Paitra Economou, Jill Savage, Catherine Barrow, Carrie Manion. *(second row)* Karen Edington, Katie Frazier, Melissa Lounsberry, Laura Ellingsen, Annie Rawlings. *(back row)* Meghan Woodrick, Laura Andershak, Karen Blackstone, Kelie Myers.

Student Government: *(front row)* Sarah Noel, Cara Bailey, Kelly Heaney, Dawn Bainbridge, Jordan Feldman. *(second row)* Kristin Fisher, Cindy Klus, Kathy McCullough, Katie Frazier, Helen Kuo, Allison Horvath, Jayme Parr, Tina Mancari. *(third row)* Patty Hemingway, Mark Ward, Julie Fekete, Kristine Loprich, Amy Strong, Nicole Bartok, Judy Sun. *(back row)* Ron Magliola, Nick DeRosa, Rob Hendrickson, Tim Bognar, Milan Dotlich, Brian Huseman, Chris Boudi, Holli McCormick.

ORGANIZATIONS FOCUS ON STUDENT SUCCESS

Recognized for outstanding effort and ability, ambitious students stand out

For many students, just getting involved in school activities did not satisfy them. They had to excel and push themselves to the limit. Luckily, many clubs catered to these zealous teenagers.

Recognition for their accomplishments meant a great deal to students, according to National Honor Society (NHS) sponsor Mrs. Gail Denny, math teacher. "It was an honor for students to be of part NHS, especially, I feel, our chapter of it," she said. "They were really encouraged to volunteer tutoring and Salvation Army work. Getting them involved was a good experience."

Quill and Scroll, the high school journalism honor society, had a specialized selection process. "Being in Quill and Scroll was a great experience. It proved my accomplishments with the yearbook," *Paragon* Associate Editor John Dunn, senior, said.

Along with recognizing current efforts by students, National Forensic League (NFL), an organization for those Speech and Debate members who excelled, helped in the long run, according to Head Speech Coach Mrs. Helen Engstrom, English teacher. "I think it meant reaching a certain level of expertise in the field of public speaking, and that is a very marketable skill," she said. "Students who came back to talk said it had been very effective in their lives."

Working hard to reach their goals taught many important lessons to ambitious students, according to Bethany Moritz, senior. "When I got enough points to become a Thespian I was really excited. All the long hours I had to work on and off-stage finally paid off," she said. "It may not have meant as much to others, but for me it was a real honor."

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Bethany Moritz, senior

Setting students apart from the crowd, honorary clubs served to support superior achievements and inspired both current and prospective members to work toward a new level.

SPEECHLESS

Placing at the State Speech meet, NFL member Kay Watson, sophomore, gets recognition from State Speech Council member Dan Durbin.

GREAT SHAKES

Rewarded for his efforts, Neil Ambre, freshman, receives his award from School Board member Mrs. Helen Brown during National Library Week.

Thespians: *(front row)* Natalie Bacha, Bethany Moritz, Milan Dotlich, Tim Bognar, Natalee Newsom. *(second row)* Rachel Schimming, Annie Rawlings, Lisa Krieger, Erin O'Connor, Jessica Schoen, Leslie Hundley. *(back row)* ManDee Adams, Amy Hansen, Julie Brickman, Steve Holka, Art Mayes, Jason Doherty.

Theater Organization: *(front row)* Kavitha Pai, Ryan McNeil, Chris Smundin, Kim Keer, Sarah Noel, Suzana Mijailovic, Biljana Pamucar. *(second row)* Kelly Kwasny, Chris Clifford, Jill Savage, Cathy Kroczek, Kristiana Neff, Jayme Parr, Lisa Smundin. *(third row)* Erin O'Connor, Jessica Schoen, Whitney Katz, Paitra Economou, Lisa Carroll, Amit Dalal, Julie Blackstone, Jamie Block. *(back row)* Cindy Klus, Jessica Kaufman, Tiffany Wagner, Allison Horvath, Helen Kuo, Sarah Golonka, Heather Siukola, Carrie Manlon, Steve Kress.

Theater Organization: *(front row)* Sarika Rastogi, Robyn Senchak, Kelly Kemock, Chrissy Oblon, Melissa Mask, Christie Boyd, Dana Lazar, Davina Muzumdar. *(second row)* Susan Burghardt, Melissa Benavente, Jenny Frigo, Laura Ellingsen, Janice Tsai, Angela Kolodziej, Angela Shearman, Cathy Burghardt, Alexandra Kruczek. *(third row)* Laura Schrage, Annie Rawlings, Natalee Newsom, Kristina Paik, Melinda Robbins, Carolyn Pesich, Lisa Krieger, Marjorie Roades *(back row)* Kim Houston, Melissa Robbins, Robyn Wade, Marius Hentea, Rachel Schimming, Kelly Klapkowski, Joe Sus, Allison Duesing, Kellie Myers.

Theater Organization: *(front row)* Doug Wadle, Natalie Bacha, Tim Bognar, Bethany Moritz, Milan Dotlich, Jaeson Watts. *(second row)* Eric Roades, Meghan Bacino, Kelly East, ManDee Adams, Jason Doherty, Leslie Hundley, Tom Boilek, Alaina Altschul. *(third row)* Laura Andershak, Jen Nellans, Art Mayes, Leah Shapiro, Katie Pomroy, Holly Senchak, Julie Brickman, Amy Hansen. *(back row)* David Pesich, Grady Willis, Steve Holka, Ember Garrett, Chris Herkey, Gabe Porras, Jeremy Seaver, Beth Mavronicles, Bill Bulfer.

CLASS ACTING

Collecting valuable tips from Mr. Richard Holmberg, musical director. Thespians Milan Dotlich, Tim Bognar and Bethany Moritz, seniors, and Jason Doherty, junior, remain fixed as Kim Houston, sophomore, looks on. Drama members worked hard both on and off stage for the honor of being named a Thespian.

COPY CAT

After winning a Superior medal for copy editing at the Journalism Education Association/National Scholastic Press Association Journalism Convention in Washington, DC, Quill and Scroll member Matt Saltanovitz, senior, celebrates his prize. Quill and Scroll members were recognized for outstanding journalism skills.

DAY *out* DAY

Counting down the final seconds before the 2:45 p.m. bell on Friday, students looked forward to the weekend and all it had to offer. Whether spent competing or practicing for an extracurricular, snoozing until mid-afternoon, or completing Mom and Dad's assigned duties, weekend minutes and hours flew by, seemingly faster than any school day passed. With only two and a half days to live school-free, students tried their best to make the most of their precious free time during the weekend.

FRIDAY 2:44 P.M.

Before Friday's final bell rings, students line up at the door in social studies teacher Mr. Chris Miller's classroom. As the final seconds of sixth hour ticked away, students filled the doorways as thoughts of their weekend plans filled their minds.

FRIDAY 6:53 P.M.

Taking the chance to tailgate before the Hobart Regional game, seniors Scott Matucha, Chris Fortin, and Jim LeVan and Aaron Preslin, junior, light up the grill for their pre-game feast. Games on Friday nights during basketball and football seasons gave students a chance to support their team and have some fun.

FRIDAY 5:17 P.M.

To make sure he gets the movie he wants, Tony Tabion, sophomore, rents the latest release from Box Office Video manager Mrs. JoAnn Kane. Whether spending up to $7.50 at local theaters or splurging with $3 at the video store, students discovered the weekends were a perfect time to catch the latest flick.

SATURDAY 6:11 A.M.

Over an hour before they would be up and about on a weekday, Jen Russell, senior, and Robyn Senchak, sophomore, order from Sandy, Commander waitress, before a Speech meet. Extracurricular activities such as sports, speech meets and other competitons did not end when the school week ended and took up time on weekend days.

SATURDAY 12:48 P.M.

On a mission to build a fort in his friend's backyard, Keith Thomas, junior, helps complete the frame. Good weather and free time on Saturday afternoons combined to create the perfect atmosphere for outdoor activities.

DAY *out* DAY

Sunday 4:02 p.m.

After a workout, seniors Mary Petrovich and Becky Marshall share a treat at Dairy Queen. With the reopening of Dairy Queen after a winter break, students took the opportunity to grab a snack.

Saturday 3:35 p.m.

On a shopping expedition to the new River Oaks Shopping Center, Jenny Rosenthal, freshman, and her mother, Mrs. Linda Rosenthal, check out the latest fashions through the Limited's window. After seizing the Saturday opportunity to sleep four or five hours longer than during the school week, students got a late start on relaxed weekend activities.

Sunday 11:27 a.m.

To give both his dog and himself exercise, John Weaver, sophomore, rollerblades while walking his dog. Given the extra time of weekends, students fulfilled duties while making them enjoyable.

SATURDAY 8:21 P.M.

As friends use their Saturday night to get the latest scoop, Karen Edington, senior, spends her night with the scoop at Baskin Robbins. Working on the weekends took away free time but provided cash for desired items.

SUNDAY 9:45 A.M.

Participating in the Saint Thomas More choir, Carolyn Sarnecki, junior, and Erin O'Connor, senior, perform. Whether taking a part in church or synagogue services or simply attending them, students spent time practicing their religion.

SUNDAY 10:39 P.M.

As the weekend comes to an end, Todd Compton, freshman, crams a weekend worth of homework into one night. Not wanting to return to the school routine until absolutely forced to, many students put off starting homework until the very last minute.

Half-days and vacations enable students to escape pressure and to enjoy rare time away

pack your BAGS

Faintly hearing the murmur of his excited classmates, the eager student walked through the Commons on the last day before break as thoughts of a work-free vacation occupied his mind.

As a student's train of thought changed from homework to holidays, a year-end intermission finally arrived. Lasting two weeks, winter break provided students with a pause which refreshed their tired minds and bodies.

"After I completed the last test before winter break I rejoiced with glee," Aaron Preslin, junior, said. "The last week before vacation was hard because time seemed like it moved too slow."

Not expecting a sudden break from school, students used snow days to catch up on homework or hang out with friends. Most students thought of this break as a pleasant surprise, but some were disappointed by the reality of making up the days before summer.

"During the snow days I was glad to get a couple of days off," Meghan Bacino, sophomore, said. "But I got mad when we had to make them up."

Freezing throughout the winter months, the spring season tiptoed into March. Whether staying at home or going on vacation, relieved students celebrated a much-needed spring break.

"I was excited that I went away for spring break because I got sick of school and needed time off," Doug Miller, senior, said. "I was glad I got to get tan and leave Munster."

Although not frequent, half-days helped students relieve the stress involved with a monotonous schedule.

"I loved when we had half-days, because my teachers never gave me homework and there was hardly time to cover anything during class," Elizabeth Wickland, freshman, said.

As the student arrived at sixth hour, he sat staring at the clock as each minute slowly ticked away. Hearing the clamor of the final bell blasting through the empty hallways, he jumped immediately out of his seat and hurried home to enjoy a well-deserved break.

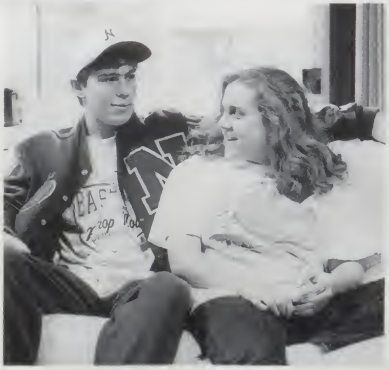
Movie madness. Ready to enjoy the movie they rented, ManDee Adams and Sara Weaver, juniors, get comfortable with blankets and popcorn as the previews come to an end. Breaks let students relax and hang out with friends at sleepovers and other get-togethers that wouldn't fit into the weekend schedule during school.

Pack it up.
In preparation for his trip to Florida, Bob Hurley, senior, places the last bag into the trunk. Students leaving on vacation packed ahead of time in order to ensure an on-time departure.

Fake bake.
Untying her shoe, Whitney Katz, junior, prepares to hop in the tanning bed to get a head start on her tan before vacation.

Game point.
As Keri Kutansky, sophomore, attempts to hit the ping-pong ball over the net, her partner, Jen Kenar, sophomore, stands behind her to back her up. Half-days provided students with a little free time to spend with friends.

Three's company. Playing checkers, as well as "big sis," Tina Mancari, junior, plays a board game with her brothers, Alex and Tommy. Many students enjoyed the chance to spend time with family members instead of hanging out with friends.



Couch cozy. Choosing to spend a quiet night at home instead of going out with friends, Becky Brown, sophomore, attempts to divert her boyfriend's, Bishop Noll junior Brian Lukich's, attention from the TV. To escape their normal weekend routines, students used extra time to get together with out-of-town friends.

As the weekend arrives, students search for new ways to spend free time

Rather than spend the evening with the usual crowd, students tried to give weekend routines a fresh twist. Whether throwing a slumber party or dining out with family, students searched for cures to weekend boredom.

"When I spent too much time with my friends, my parents started to nag," Katie Woodrick, freshman, said. "I tried to spend time at home once in a while to let my parents know I was still around."

Family-oriented students chose to spend time with their parents on a regular basis. "My mom and I went shopping a lot on the weekends," Kristin Johnson, senior, said. "She was so happy to spend time with me during the day, that she was more lenient about what my friends and I did that night."

Those with older friends looked to weekends because it let them make plans with college buddies. "When my girlfriend came home for the weekend, I liked to cook dinner for her," Steve Holka, senior, said. "Instead of going out we stayed in where we could relax."

Students who participated in certain extra-curricular activities often sacrificed Friday night fun because of Saturday morning obligations. "A lot of times, I didn't want to go out with my friends on Friday nights because I had to be up early Saturday morning for Speech meets," Evan Greenbaum, sophomore, said. "I didn't see much point in going out and coming right back home."

Free from early morning duties, female students often organized weekend slumber parties where they could escape the monotony of coed get-togethers.

"Hanging around with all girls, you could be wild and do whatever you wanted," Amy Rasch, senior, said. "You didn't have to be a lady, like when you were out on dates."

Whatever their plans, students basked in weekend liberty for as long as possible whether with family or friends.

playing a new GAME

Sing-a-long. Singing and dancing to their favorite music, juniors Jill Pfister, Kristin Fisher, Amy Boyle, Julie Dunn and Amy Folta experiment with a friend's Karaoke machine. Such "girls' nights out" allowed female students to let loose without coed pressures.

Table talk. To catch up on the day's happenings, Kristin Apato, senior, chats with her parents over dinner at Ambrosia Gardens. After hectic workdays, students found relaxation in spending "quality time" with their families.

YOU'RE

Your friend's parents left town.

INVITED

Too mature for cake and presents,

TO

students seek adult solutions

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to teenage boredom. Are they

PARTY...

opening the door to trouble?

UP IN SMOKE
Adding sparks to the party, a student smoker lights up his cigarette. When activity started to fade, some students smoked in hopes of lightening up the mood.

As parents left town for weekend retreats, students entered their homes for alcoholic "treats." Right or wrong, many students lapsed into this same routine week after week.

"My friends and I went to parties just about every Saturday," Patty Hemingway, senior, said. "Someone different had people over every weekend."

While no two parties were identical, most had similar intents. "Usually when my friends and I went to parties, we sat around, talked and listened to music," Sara Weaver, junior, said. "It was fun to be able to goof around with my friends."

However, most of the "goofing around" at parties revolved around drinking, as many stu-

JUST FOR KICKS
Taking advantage of their half-day of school, students gather at sophomore Andy Mikus' house and toss around a hackey sack. Anxious students often threw parties on a moment's notice, rather than wait for the weekend.

POKER PARTY
To keep themselves entertained, party-goers indulge in a game of cards. Breaking the monotony of sitting around, students played games while they sat and chatted.

BOTTOM'S UP
At a typical weekend party, an anonymous student joins his friends for a drink. Often accompanied by cigarettes, beer remained at the center of many student parties.

dents considered it the only way to have a good time. "About all the parties I knew of had drinking," Dave Hankin, senior, said. "People thought there was nothing else to do."

DETERMINED TO BREAK the trend, some students encouraged their friends to find alternatives. "I didn't drink, but if I saw friends drinking, I told them to stop," Jason Doherty, junior, said. "They could still have fun without alcohol."

Aware of student alcohol problems, faculty members attempted to shed some light on the situation. "When I was in high school, there were so many other opportunities for weekend get-togethers," Mr. Jack Yerkes, English Department Chairman, said. "We danced more. We laughed and had fun like real parties, and the pressure to drink wasn't as great. With this generation, parties were only places where the more people drank, more fights and destruction occurred. They were drinking to get blitzed. That was all."

REMEMBERING FUN OF past birthday celebrations, students longed for the innocent parties they used to have. "Seventh grade was the last time I remember having a big birthday party," Heather Hamilton, freshman, said. "As I grew up, parties weren't the same."

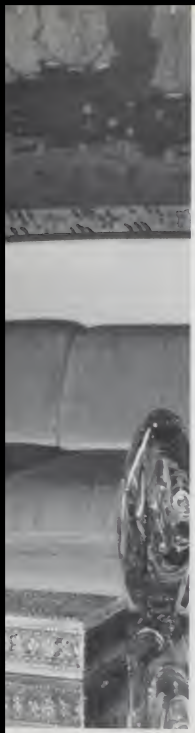
Finding weekend activities a growing concern, parents and teachers prepared to deal with the surplus of alcoholic attitudes. They attempted to sober up students' minds, as well as their parties.

If the shoe fits. Anticipating the purchase of a new pair of sandals, Kristin Fisher, junior, checks the price as Nora Lasbury, junior, offers her opinion. Students shopped in pairs in order to avoid making hard decisions on how to spend their money.

Clean as a whistle. With a rag in hand and her allowance in mind, Sarika Rastogi, sophomore, dusts a table in her living room. Chores provided some students with an alternate way to earn spending money.

Clean sweep. Completing their duties at Schoop's Hamburgers, seniors Carolyn Lukas and Mary Petrovich clean the table. Working at local businesses gave many students an easy and nearby chance to earn needed money, either for spending on necessary items or for saving for future plans.

Hand off. Before leaving for a night out, John Folta, freshman, happily receives money from his father, Mr. John Folta. While most freshmen usually did not opt to get a job, their parents sometimes offered them extra spending money.



Taking on odd jobs or extra chores, students go out of their way to earn extra spending money

hit the DUST

Dreaming of an endless supply of money, students did everything possible to earn extra cash from getting a job to begging parents for spare change.

Whether spending money on compact discs, food or a night out on the town, students searched for a couple extra dollars to pay for entertainment expenses.

"Whatever money I had, I usually spent it on the weekends," Matt Knoepke, sophomore, said. "Every now and then, I looked in my wallet and wondered where all my money went."

When time permitted, students took on jobs to earn their own money, which also gave them an opportunity to learn responsibility and money management.

"In the summer, I held three jobs to earn extra spending money and to save money for college and a car," Jason Klaich, senior, said.

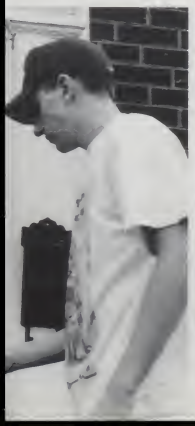
While students spent money nearly every day, they realized that saving money would help defray the inevitable costs that arose.

"Sometimes it was good to save money so if you really wanted something later on you'd have the money to buy it," Kyle Dempsey, freshman, said. "Then you wouldn't have to wait or beg your parents for a loan."

Parents often understood a student's need for spending money. Household chores provided some students with a way to help out and obtain extra cash.

"I did chores at least three times a week. I got paid a weekly allowance to do it, so I'm not complaining," Sara Blacke, junior, said. "It was good I got paid weekly because I just blew it all during the weekend anyway."

As students scammed every possible dollar to last them the rest of the weekend, they realized that their thoughts of a never-ending money supply existed only as a dream, at least for the time being.



Quick cash Opting to save some of his money, Jason Doherty, junior, withdraws a little cash from his savings account. Cash stations let students pick up money whenever needed without the hassel of going to the bank.

time crunch

Using every spare minute to get ahead on his homework, Pete Ronco, senior, blocks out the lunchroom noise as Brad Vliek, senior, munches on his lunch. As some students ran to the lunch lines, others ran to get ahead on their last homework assignments.

court time

Prior to the start of practice, Kelly Nixon, sophomore, squeezes in a few seconds of extra study time. As the spring sport season began, students found themselves rushed to complete all their homework on time.

easy listening

Focusing on his Spanish homework, Brett Friedman, sophomore uses his walkman as a tool to help him concentrate on his current assignment. Students often used watching TV or listening to the radio as various ways of incorporating evening entertainment with homework schedules.

MIND *games*

With time quickly running out, students turn to any possible option to fit in their necessary studies, no matter how odd the method seems.

Whether rising with the sun or staying up until the wee hours of the morning, students' study habits varied day to day. From eating to watching TV, students found ways to keep up their concentration for major study nights.

Some students procrastinated until the very last minute, and put off their work until late at night. "I brought my book home and let it sit in the bag," Jessica Schoen, junior, said. "Then I found other things to do until about 10 p.m. or 11 p.m., then I panicked. A while later I would get out the book and fall asleep studying."

Other students tried to figure out when their memory worked the best and then study accordingly. "I studied at 1 or 2 in the morning because it was the only way I could remember things," Jamie Block, senior, said.

Some students did not have a set time to hit the books, but instead studied whenever they found an extra minute. "The best study habit a student could have was to study continuously and not cram," Mrs. Stephanie Casey, English teacher, said. "When I was in school, I would go sleep until 2 or 3 in the morning and then study."

Despite this opinion, many students opted to wait until the last minute before they began to study. "Every once in a while, to keep myself awake, I worked out while I studied," George Voukidis, sophomore, said. "Otherwise, I would fall asleep on my desk."

Whether studying two weeks in advance or five minutes prior to the start of the dreaded exam, students choose their best suited study habit in order to get them out of even the tightest situations.

berry delight

As Jackie Morrow, junior, bites her strawberry, she concentrates on her homework. Students sometimes had odd habits to take their minds off long nights of homework and to speed up those nightmare hours.

off the top of your head

"I studied at 1 or 2 in the morning because it was the only way I could remember things."

Jamie Block, senior

study session

Hoping for an "A" on his next test, Tom Anzur, junior, benefits from the help of Brian Rucinski, junior. Students sometimes called upon their friends for extra assistance with their confusing school work.

keeping in key

Escaping school's everyday routine, Evan Greenbaum, sophomore melodically plays the piano, as Mrs. Verdeen Strain, music teacher, observes quietly. With chances to develop other skills, students found time to practice and perfect their flaws in areas not taught at school.

head start

Concentrating on learning new strategies, Yvette Castor, Donna Hough and Denice Hough, juniors, spend extra time to prepare for their upcoming SAT's. Students often studied ahead of time to increase their knowledge and build confidence for the upcoming test.

WORKIN' *overtime*

With extra time on their hands, many students grab as many opportunities as possible to learn new strategies and tactics not taught in school.

Hoping the last minute help from his tutor benefitted him for his test, the anxious boy reviewed his revised strategies. No matter how nervous the boy seemed, his new study habits provided him with a definite sense of confidence.

Reliance towards tutors or other out-of-school learning assisted students in various ways. Some students used tutors regularly, for their problems accumulated throughout the week. However, others made last minute appointments when a test suddenly came up.

"My tutor helped me with any problems I had in school," Abby Levin, junior, said. "I think it was an advantage because sometimes teachers didn't have enough time to deal with some of my problems."

Other students found time to relax with a musical lesson in order to get their minds off of their troubles.

"When I had a piano lesson, my mind wasn't on anything else, except the piano," Evan Greenbaum, sophomore, said. "All my problems just seemed so unimportant when I was playing."

With numerous classes available outside school, some students took advantage of the opportunity to earn extra credits, while gaining additional knowledge in the process.

"I took SAT classes because I wanted to improve my skills before taking the test," Kristin Quinn, junior, said. "I also wanted a higher score because I knew how important these tests were."

With such opportunities available outside of school, many students found the urgency to take advantage of any possible help they could find.

"I always tried to get extra help when I had trouble with any of my homework," Anuj Grover, freshman, said. "Especially when I fell behind in a class, I asked my sister or my cousin for help."

As the relieved boy took one last glance over his test, he congratulated himself for remembering to call his tutor the night before.

helpful hints

Brushing up on his geometry, Albert Song, freshman, studies with his tutor, Mr. Randy Starewicz, Lake Central mathematics teacher. Out of school help provided improvement in their certain subjects.

off the top of your head

"I took SAT classes because I wanted to improve my skills before taking the test."
Kristin Quinn, junior

SUITE

SUCCESS

Although pressure plays a major role in enhancing the show, cast and crew members make plenty of time to laugh and goof around to ease the tension during rehearsals

While students on the technical crew slaved away in the background, actors practiced to perfect and bring life to their character for three performances.

Divided into three parts, Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite," a comedy directed by Drama Club sponsor Mr. Gene Fort, Social Studies Department chairman, and Mr. Doug Irk, provided a change from the normal drama. "We usually started with a serious play for our first one of the year," Mr. Fort said. "It was a change, but I was pleased."

The Theater Department's fall play premiered Nov. 4, with shows on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. The play lasted two and a half hours and provided an intermission between each act.

Playing different characters from other cities made each individual act unique and different. In the first act, Sam and Karen Nash, played by Tim Bognar and Natalie Bacha, seniors, visited from the city Mamaroneck and stayed in the famous Suite 719. "I played someone who didn't realize what he had until he lost it," Tim said.

In the second act, however, a famous Hollywood producer named Jesse Kiplinger, played by Art Mayes, senior, was visited by an old girlfriend Muriel Tate, played by Leslie Hundley, senior. "My character was a regular middle aged wife with a good family but was lacking some excitement in her life," Leslie said.

In the last act, Roy and Norma Hubley, played by Scott Ewers, senior, and Jessica Schoen, junior, frantically waited for their soon-to-be-married daughter, Mimsey Hubley, played by Jamie Block, senior, to come out of the bathroom of their suite.

Portraying diverse characters took a little more practice for some than for others. "After you performed a few scenes, you got into the rhythm of it and you got used to it," Natalie said. "When I thought of them as real people just like myself, it helped in becoming part of the character."

In addition to the work put into the play, the cast spent two and a half hours a night for rehearsal and the outcome was prominent. "What pleased me the most was there were more students supporting us," Mr. Fort said. "The people on stage needed support from the audience and they got it."

After the final curtain fell Nov. 7, hours of practicing finally came to an end as anxious cast and crew members awaited the beginning of their next play.

TIME OUT

After a final rehearsal, Tim Bognar, senior, freshens up by taking a break and quenching his thirst. After spending 20 hours a week for 6 weeks, the production finally approached the bliss of opening night.

TAKE FIVE

To ease the pressures of rehearsal, Tim Bognar and Natalie Bacha, seniors, giggle away their anxieties. As opening night drew near, stressed actors found that laughter sometimes relieved growing tension.

CLEAR THE SET

Carefully adjusting the set designs and constructing the background props, the brother-sister team of Eric Roades, junior, and Marjorie Roades, freshman, work after school during play rehearsal. Team work enabled drama students to finish their work load quicker and avoid overloading their already hectic schedules.

TALKING IT OUT

As Jessica Schoen, junior, and Scott Ewers, senior, practice during a dress rehearsal, they concentrate on playing their characters despite outside interference. Dress rehearsals prepared actors for their performances by helping them to perfect their timing and characters.

STAGE OF SHOCK

Leaving audiences pleasantly surprised, the winter play's cast treats the public to a dose of comedy in "The Curious Savage"

Transforming the auditorium into a crazy house both on stage and off, cast members of "The Curious Savage" displayed their comedic talent, as the actors took the stage following weeks of rehearsal.

The play revolved around three money-hungry step-children, Titus, Samuel and Lily Belle Savage, who sent their mother, Ethel, to a mental home, in hopes of inheriting her fortune. There Ethel met The Cloisters; Florence, Hannibal, Fairy May, Jeffrey and Mrs. Paddy, who taught her the true meaning of family.

"It was a play about insane people that the audience grew to love," Tim Bognar, senior, said. "The play made you realize that maybe sane people are really the crazy ones. The sane people in the story were the ones that belonged locked up."

Unlike some previous productions, "The Curious Savage" generated whole-hearted laughter throughout the play from audience members of all ages. "This play was a great comedy," Jason Doherty, junior, said. "Some of the other plays this school has done have been boring, but if the audience paid attention to the lines in this play they really thought it was funny."

Pulling off such a humorous play required weeks of intense preparation to make sure that each scene worked perfectly. Practicing for two hours five times a week, cast members sacrificed both academic and social obligations.

"Since I was at practice most of the night, I usually didn't end up starting my homework until ten o'clock," Leslie Hundley, senior, said. "I would always fall asleep while I was reading my English Literature assignments."

Although practices occurred primarily on week nights, the practice schedule even put a damper on weekend plans for some. "Since I practiced on week nights, I could only work on weekends," Tim said. "I basically had to give up my social life during those few weeks."

Others actually benefitted from the nightly practices. "Personally, I got better grades during the play because I did my homework while they practiced the scenes I wasn't in," Jason said.

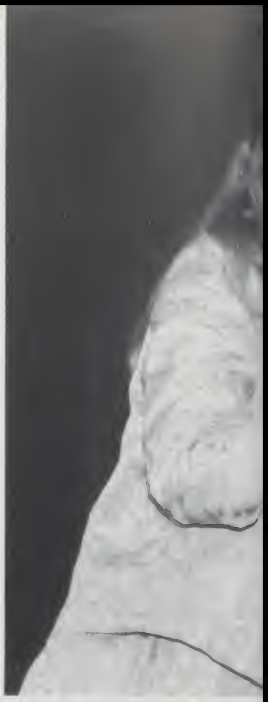
When opening night finally arrived, the cast showed off what they had spent long hours perfecting. Although seemingly well-prepared for their debut, the cast couldn't help but remain nervous about the audience's response.

"I was usually the most nervous during the day of school before opening night," Leslie said. "I usually got a little bit nervous right before I went on, but after I'd been on stage for a few minutes, I forgot the audience was out there."

Some cast members considered pre-show jitters an asset to the performance. "Sometimes when you're nervous the play turned out better," Bethany Moritz, senior, said. "It kept you on your toes so that you could make sure to do a good job."

As the play finally came to an end, the closing curtain proved sentimental for the director and members of the cast. "The main reason I did this play was because it was a good vehicle for the graduating seniors," Mr. Doug Irk, director, said. "Eight of the eleven roles went to seniors, which is the first time that happened. Also, this play marked the eighth time I worked with Tim Bognar. He was a part of every production I've done since he got here."

After figuring out "The Curious Savages," the Drama Club began to prepare, not only for future projects, but for a farewell to the seniors who had played a major role in the club's success for the past four years.



SNAP OUT OF IT

Giving Jason Doherty, junior, a pat on the cheek, Jessica Schoen, junior, attempts to knock some sense into his character. Actors were put to the test as they tried to remain serious even when doing crazy things.

SHOCK STATE

During dress rehearsal, Bethany Moritz, senior, fine-tunes the shocked expression on her face as Leslie Hundley, senior, points out surprising news. Not holding back a thing, cast members went to extremes to make their characters believeable to the audience.

LIGHTEN UP

Putting final touches on the sets, John Mangus, junior, adjusts a hanging microphone, as well as the lights. Crew members played equally important roles in production success by working behind the scenes.

STRAIGHTENING IT OUT

While she makes some final adjustments to his costume, Natalie Bacha, senior, gives castmate Art Mayes, senior, a bit of friendly advice. Whether in or out of character, cast members took advantage of opportunities to help out their peers.

PICTURE IT

To get into character, Natalee Newsom, senior, paints a picture as she secludes herself from the rest of the cast. Plays allowed students to participate in activites they wouldn't normally take part in.

STAND AND

DELIVER

Closing the curtain on another year of drama, the spring musical,*Carousel*, proves third time is a charm for the classic story of tragic love.

From the carefree chords of "June is Bustin' Out All Over," to the tearful tones of "You'll Never Walk Alone," the spring musical, *Carousel*, left audiences roaring with laughter one minute, and wiping away tears the next. Returning to a more traditional play, the Music Department surprised audiences by adding new meaning to a classic story.

After wrapping up tryouts later than ever in the department's history, the 63 member cast scurried to prepare the play for its April 28 debut. When students received rehearsal schedules, they realized the repercussions of such a late start, as a mere 25 practices remained.

"Usually, we had much more time to learn lines," Jason Doherty, junior, said. "This time they (the directors) just sprung it on us, and we had to learn our lines in a relatively short period of time."

Well-aware of the time-shortage, directors sang a similar tune. "That was the shortest amount of time we'd ever had to put together a musical," musical director Mr. Richard Holmberg, music teacher, said. "We knew it was going to be tough to pull off a successful show."

Besides trying to distinguish itself from other recent musicals, *Carousel* also had its own reputation to live up to. In 1967, *Carousel* marked the Music Department's first musical in the new auditorium. The production starred Cynthia Blackmun in the lead role as Julie Jordan. Twenty-seven years later, her son Tim Bognar, senior, captured the role of Julie's husband, Billy Bigelow, in the show's revival.

"She (my mother) really encouraged me," Tim said. "She let me go and do my part the way I wanted to do it. She also let me use her script."

Also influenced by memories of past performances, the more recent Julie Jordan, played by Nicole Arethas, senior, expressed feelings of deja-vu about reprising Mrs. Bognar's role. "I felt even more pressure about my performance knowing that Tim's mom would be watching me," Nicole said. "I heard her sing 'If I Loved You' one night at practice, and from that moment on, I knew I had quite an act to follow."

The production brought back memories for others involved, as well. "This show had a special spot for me because it was the first show I worked on back in '82," Mr. Doug Irk, director, said. "But this year the actors were technically better. A couple of times, I became so swept up watching the show that I forgot those were high school kids on stage. They were professionals in their own right. In many ways, I considered this show to be my best effort yet."

As they "Saved the Best for Last," senior cast members didn't have to force tears during Sunday afternoon's serious scenes, for the crying came naturally. "After the death scene on Sunday, a few of the girls came into the dressing room and just kept on crying," Bethany Moritz, senior, said. "None of us said a word, but we all knew what was on our minds. That was it, and we weren't ready to say good-bye."

But like it or not, the curtain closed, and the carousel took its final turn. The finale's symbolic graduation scene found seniors no longer acting, as they prepared for a repeat performance, of sorts. Lingering back stage after their final bows, they thanked *Carousel* for the wonderful ride.

STANDING TALL

Trying to convince Billy how she'd be "if she loved him," Julie Jordan, played by Nicole Arethas, senior, sings her heart out to her potential beau. Actors with solos put in extra hours to ensure a perfect-sounding song.

SAILING AWAY

Jumping off his fellow sailors, Chris Tomeo, senior, attempts to impress the cast, as well as the audience. Dancers helped make chorus scenes more entertaining by livening up the stage.

WINK AND A SMILE

Overwhelmed by the sights and sounds of the carnival, Carrie Pipperidge, played by Bethany Moritz, senior, asks Billy Bigelow, played by Tim Bognar, senior, if she can ride the carousel. Real-life friendships made acting friendly on stage easier.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

As the ninth annual Battle of the Bands hit the stage, band members attempted to stay in tune with the crowd's musical taste, playing songs that made the audience come alive.

While some sought Criminal Justice for Dogs of Autumn, others wanted F.I.S.T. to hit Achillean with some 84 Lumber.

Although not the plot of Drama Club's latest production, Student Government's annual Battle of the Bands displayed a variety of musical entertainment.

As the ninth annual Battle kicked off, students filled the auditorium to watch their classmates battle it out on stage.

"I was surprised at how good all of the bands were," Student Government member and judge Allison Horvath, sophomore, said. "It was difficult to pick a winner."

Before they were ready to battle, bands heavily prepared themselves in the preceding months. Trying to juggle homework and other activities with practice schedules often proved difficult for band members.

"We practiced a lot in the months before Battle," 84 Lumber guitarist Jason Klaich, senior, said. "The week before Battle we practiced just about every night and ran through our eight songs. We learned one of our songs,'Disarm,' the day before Battle."

Other bands found themselves short of practice time because some of the members attended college. "We didn't get a lot of time to practice because most of the members of F.I.S.T. are in college," F.I.S.T. keyboardist Bob Tracy, senior, said. "We all practiced our parts separately and put it all together the Friday of the Battle."

Younger band members welcomed the opportunity to play with graduates because their experience with an audience helped put their own minds at ease.

"The older people in my band helped calm my nerves the night of Battle," Dogs of Autumn bassist Ben Hilt, sophomore, said. "They told me to just have fun out there."

As students prepared to attend Battle, their out-of-town guests needed to prepare, as well. Friend request forms obligated non-Munster students and their parents to ensure good behavior.

"The friend request forms were designed to control the crowd," Student Government sponsor Mrs. Nancy Newcomb, business teacher, said. "Last year the audience was too crazy. In order to keep Battle, we had to make people responsible for their actions."

Many students opposed the forms and felt they detracted from the fun of taking friends to the Battle. "Even though the music quality was better this year, there were too many stupid rules, like those friend request forms," Mike Fekete, senior, said. "They were too much of a hassle."

When the night of the performance finally arrived, band members had to battle not only each other, but stage fright before they stepped out on stage.

"Scott (Matucha) and I never worked on the song 'Girl Like You' together, so the day of Battle we listened to the song over and over again at Scott's house." 84 Lumber singer Ashley Wasem, senior, said. "I was so nervous to perform that song because I didn't feel prepared. I didn't want to forget the words in front of all those people."

Easing some of the pressure, band members felt positive responses coming from the audience as they played. "The crowd participated more this year because they knew more songs off our list," Criminal Justice's Matt Gaspar, sophomore, said.

As Student Government crowned Achillean the $100 first prize winner, followed by 84 Lumber and Criminal Justice, band members looked to future projects.

"I'll miss the band because I had a lot of fun with them," Ashley said. "I had hoped that we would stick together because we had a lot of potential."

Whether or not the Battle of the Bands marked the end or the beginning of the five student bands, the evening itself came to a close, as band members left the stage and entered history.

AUDIENCE APPROVAL

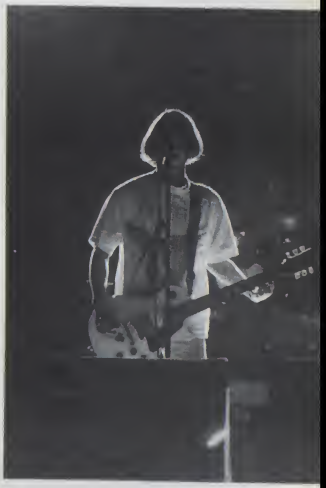
Swept up in the music madness, Corrie Watterson, senior, Carrie Manion, junior, and Debbie Manuszak, senior, jam to the music of 84 Lumber. Fans came to Battle for the music and to cheer on their classmates.

STRUMMING ALONG

Reviving the Eagles' famous tune "Hotel California," Tim Bognar, senior, of the first place band, Achillean, plays guitar and sings lead vocal. Accompanied by sophomores Tim Glennon and Aaron Zambo, Achillean played songs by artists ranging from Led Zeppelin to Counting Crows.

COMING OUT OF THE DARK

Singing as a mere silhouette to the audience, singer and guitarist for the Dogs of Autumn, Ben Girnus, junior, makes use of various lighting techniques to enhance the performance. Stage presence, aside from the music itself, played a major part in a band's audience appeal.



LEAN ON ME

As 84 Lumber's Dan Tabion and Ashley Wasem, seniors, and B.J. Palmer, junior, warm up, Scott Matucha, senior, gives Jason Klaich some last-minute advice. Band members used final moments before performances to check on their friends, as well as their instruments.

all the right moves

Searching for a date, dollars or a dress, preparation begins

As the day of the dance grew closer, anticipation rose to a fever and restless students dashed around trying to gather all the essential items necessary to make the night memorable.

Of all the elements necessary to make the special night, finding someone to ask and a unique way to ask them became the first and foremost concern.

"Being asked to a dance shouldn't be a big deal. Just having enough guts to ask someone that you like is already special," Nikki Alters, sophomore, said.

Discovering that creative methods of asking added fun to the actual question, some believed that a simple "Will you go?" would not suffice.

"If I had enough courage and I really liked a girl, I'd probably send her roses with a sweet message," Nick DeRosa, freshman, said.

Excitement over the activities necessary before the dance varied from the simple thrill of being asked to the pure annoyance of having to prepare. "I think that my mom gets more excited for the dances than I do," Kristin Johnson, senior, said. "I don't like to hassle with getting a dress and stuff like that, but she does."

Once the perfect date had been found, the dilemma of finding money to cover the night's expenses faced students, since ticket totals, clothing costs, flower fees and picture payments added up quickly.

"I would have liked to spend my own money at the dance, but my boyfriend wouldn't let me," Whitney Katz, junior, said. "The money I earned from my job at Highland Lumber went towards the dress and other necessities."

With money matters settled and date dilemmas solved, students prepared for the dance weeks or days in advance as they tried to cover all aspects of their special night.

Change of pace
To rest their racing hearts, Amy Hudley, sophomore, and Kyle Wimmer, a junior at Highland, slow things down after a string of fast dances. Students wecomed a change of pace so that they could enjoy the magic of the night.

Hip-hop hooray
As they swing their arms from side to side, Allison Stalmack and Kristin Fisher, juniors, jam to the familiar sounds of Naughty by Nature. Popular songs, catchy beats and well-known dances encouraged even the shyest students to let their hair down.

Dressed All Up and somewhere to go

◆Homecoming◆ The Inside Story

- ◆Aladdin "A Whole New World"
- ◆Oct. 16
- ◆7:30 p.m.-11 p.m.
- ◆Commons
- ◆225 couples
- ◆Sponsored by Student Goverment
- ◆DJ- Channel Z
- ◆Cost- $20

"There was great music at the dance and it made me hyper. They played everything from oldies to rap."
Jeff Bagull
senior

Sneak a peek
With astonished looks, seniors Joe Roman and Amy Stover amuse themselves by watching their friends start a conga line. Taking a break from the dance floor's excitement, students often found watching friends proved nearly as enjoyable as joining in.

Picture perfect
Preparing for their picture, Heather Molnar, '93, and Jim LeVan, senior, gather their flowers and money. The hectic coatroom provided a place to store belongings while students danced in the Commons.

too close to call

Anticipation ends as a hectic day replaces long-range planning

After an endless month of searching for the perfect dress, the perfect tie or the perfect date, the day of the dance had finally arrived, bringing with it both excitement and anticipation.

But responsibilities came first, and with obligations to attend to, students gave up valuable time during the day to fulfill necessary duties. For Student Government members, Cheerleaders and Junior Class Executive Council members, those responsibilities included finalizing the decorations for their respective dances.

"We put in time early that Saturday morning to make sure the Homecoming decorations looked perfect," Kristin Fisher, junior, said. "The upperclassmen really worked hard because we knew from experience how the decorations really brought the theme to life."

With last-minute preparations awaiting them, some students took advantage of every extra second they could find to perfect plans and pick up forgotten necessities.

"I almost forgot to pick up my date's flowers," Nick DeRosa, freshman, said. "Luckily my mom reminded me and I had enough time to get them before I went to pick up my date."

In an attempt to look their best, students often opted to get their hair done, or chose to begin preparing hours in advance to look just right when finally arriving at the dance. Others, however, jumped in the shower 15 minutes before dashing out the door for the evening.

"Dances were just like any ordinary night out, except you were in a suit and tie," Mark Meyers, senior, said. "I saw no reason in spending hours to get ready."

With dresses zipped and ties tied, students met before departing for the dance while parents flashed a final roll of priceless pictures.

"My parents would not stop taking pictures," Dana Lazar, sophomore, said. "It was so embarassing. I didn't understand why they needed so many."

Slamming the car door and waving goodbye, students breathed sighs of relief as the hustle and bustle of dance preparation came to an end, and the upcoming evening would soon turn from anticipation to reality.

All tied up
Assisting Nora Lasbury, junior, in tying her date's tie around her neck for their group picture, Jill Pfister, junior, pulls the tie through the knot. Group pictures allowed students to expresss creativity and originality when deciding on different poses.

Close up
While heading to have their picture taken, Katie Brown and Greg Nadolski, freshmen, share a laugh. Food breaks and pauses for pictures refreshed students tired out from the evening's excitement.

All Dressed Up and somewhere to go

◆Turnabout◆ The Inside Story

- ◆"We've Got Tonight"
- ◆Jan. 29
- ◆7:30 p.m.-11 p.m.
- ◆Commons
- ◆240 couples
- ◆Sponsored by the Cheerleaders
- ◆DJ- Dr. "J"
- ◆Cost- $25

"Turnabout was different because it was not as formal as prom, and not as hyped up as Homecoming."
Jeff O'Connor
junior

Watch this
As CJ Compton, senior, demonstrates a kick, Bob Gonzales and Mark Gralewski, seniors, pay close attention in hopes of catching on. Students often tried to get their friends to try new dance steps.

Just right
Adjusting senior Amy Damjanovich's flowers, the Wahlberg photographer helps her and her date, Tom Kapala, '92, take a good picture. Photographers showed couples the best poses to ensure that their pictures came out just right.

a new reign
As Prom King, Ron Magliola, senior, speaks words of congratulations to Prom Queen, Holly Senchak, senior, they dance to the theme song "As Time Goes By." Prom royalty was elected by students who voted for one of five candidates upon entering the dance.

make-over
Wondering how to apply lipstick, Jason Klaich, senior, receives help from Lauren Pelc, senior. Students acted goofy at prom to make the night more fun.

All Dressed Up and somewhere to go

◆ Prom ◆

The Inside Story

- "As Time Goes By"
- May 14
- 6:30 p.m.-midnight
- Performing Arts Center
- 204 couples
- Sponsored by Junior CEC
- DJ- Channel Z
- Cost- $55

"Prom was cool because of the majority of upperclassmen that were there. It made the whole weekend more special."
Yvette Castor
junior

icing on the cake

As the nights progress, students look forward to after-dance activities

eating dinner at a classy restaurant, grabbing a few laughs at a comedy club, riding all the rides at Great America, or just relaxing at a cottage on the lake, students experimented with different ideas for after-dance plans.

After the excitement of a dance, students often wondered what could top the already perfect evening. Post-dance activities became a major part of dance plans.

"You always had fun at the dance, being with all your friends, but afterward was a special time to be with your date and the people you doubled with," Vicky LeVan, junior, said. "I always wanted to try something different. Like one time, I went to a comedy club in downtown Chicago."

Occasionally, early curfews and concerned parents only allowed enough time for a delectable meal at a nearby restaurant.

"Because I was a freshman, homecoming was my first dance. I had to be right home after dinner," Nick DeRosa, freshman, said. "It was really nice because we had everything planned perfectly a week before, so we didn't have to worry about it at the dance."

Last-minute plans most often proved favorable, even though students sometimes found it frustrating trying to plan a fun activity that everyone would enjoy.

"At Turnabout, we went to the dance and had no idea of what to expect afterwards, but everything turned out fine," Donny Buikema, sophomore, said. "It was really hard and it took forever at the dance to figure everything out."

Extending beyond evening activities, post-prom plans took on a different light, ranging from spending the night at a cottage to chartering a boat until the wee hours of the morning.

"Prom was more special to me than other dances because it was the last dance of my high school career, and I wanted it to be very special," Cathy Lukas, senior, said. "We went to a friend's cottage the next day, and had a cookout. Everybody had a great time."

Memories of a fun-filled, charming, and maybe romantic night rushed through student's minds after all of the excitement died down. Post-dance plans made the evening more monumental and topped off the good times students had at dances.

force-feed
With a morsel of chicken parmesan on her fork, ManDee Adams, junior, tries to force Ryan Summers, Highland senior, to eat. Students brought their appetites to Prom as they ate cream of broccoli soup, chef's salad, rolls, chicken parmesan, and sherbet for desert.

a moment alone
To take a break from the dance floor, Heather Puterko and Brian Johnson, juniors, share a moment alone outside the Performing Arts Center to talk.

lost and found
Searching for their name cards, Alaina Altschul, sophomore; Mike Fekete, senior; Jaci Schepp, junior, and Kitty Barrow, senior, scan the table before entering the dance.

LIFE LIVE IT UP

Fair weather fans

Sports put spark into ordinary days

Being a sports fan demonstrated other meanings than running fast, being able to make free-throws, or even participating on a team. Many students enjoyed playing their part in the sports world as fans.

Although professional sporting events took place relatively far away, fans went anyway. "The trip up there was long and boring for some people," Keith Thomas, junior, said. "But I made it to the Stadium in twenty minutes to watch the Blackhawks."

Sports fans were rocked with the news that Chicago Bulls' superstar, Michael Jordan, retired from basketball during the offseason, but few gave up a chance to attend a Bulls' game anyway.

"If I got tickets to a game for free, I would go even without Jordan on the team," Mr. Art Haverstock, science teacher, said. "However, I don't think that I would have paid to see the Bulls now."

Closer to home, Biddie Ball provided enjoyment to both players and fans. These basketball games in the field house gave many who otherwise would not have the opportunity to play on a team.

"Since I'm not on the high school team, I liked getting the chance to get out there and play," Mike Morgan, freshman, said.

No matter what students' love of sports happened to be, the bottom line simply spelled fun.

"I would not pay to see the Bulls now,"
Mr. Art Haverstock, science teacher

BULLoney
Stunned by Michael Jordan's retirement announcement, seniors Mark Rudy, Doug Miller, and Steve Zimmerman watch as Jordan declares an end to his championship reign.

Side pocket
Tom Anzur, junior prepares to knock in one of his remaining solids while Jeff Dumakowski, junior, awaits his turn.

Tuned in
Taking time out from her busy day, Kristin Apato, senior, enters the next level of her Sega game.

Weekend warriors wander toward lazy, lounging lifestyles

In a continued search for the perfect pastime, students subconsciously watched their lazy side take charge as sedentary activities increasingly consumed more and more of their free time.

When stress or pressure hung on their shoulders, students took part in activities that demanded less thought than homework or studying.

"It was fun to sit around and play Sega when you wanted to get away from everything going on with school," Jonathan Mohr, freshman, said.

Pool and ping pong provided alternatives and created fun ways to spend time with friends.

"My friends and I liked to have ping pong tournaments when we were bored," Chris Fortin, senior, said. "We got together, put some music on, and played some mean games of tournament ping pong."

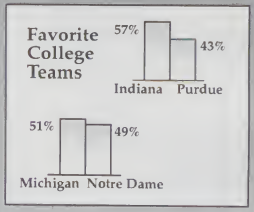
Creativeness took over as students searched for alternative ways to relax.

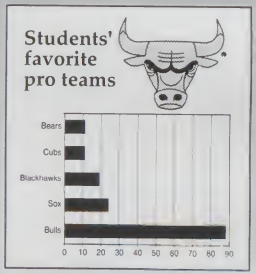
"Playing a guitar was a spiritual experience and it was better than just watching TV," Dave Ortman, junior, said. "I loved to sit down and relax with a good song."

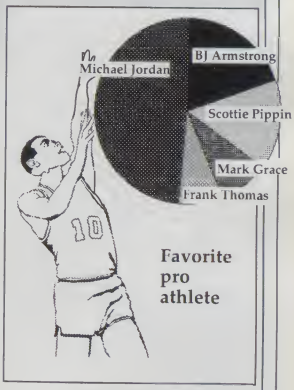
When the search finally ended and the perfect pastime surfaced, students breathed a sigh of relief as their everyday pressures quickly disappeared.

Fan Facts

Venturing to the game or shuffling to the sofa, students found the time to watch their favorite professional team, professional athlete or rivalry.







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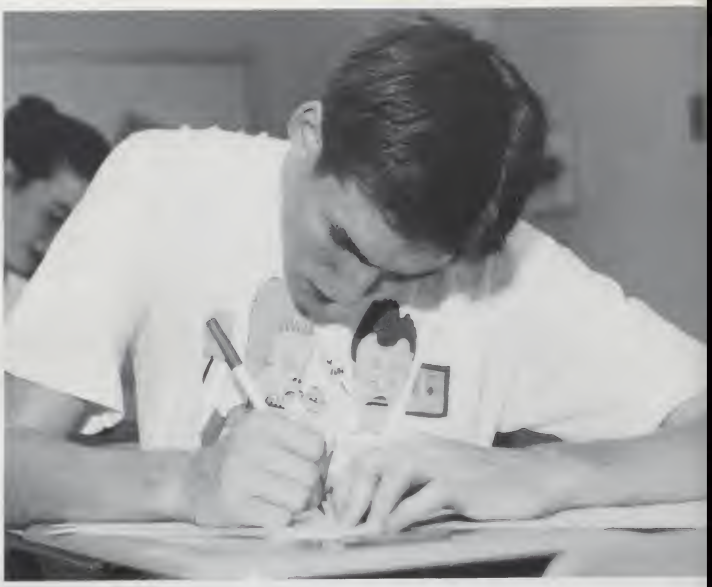
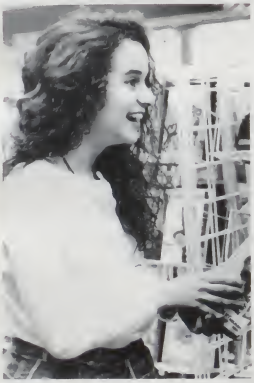


Huh! Huh!
Showing his admiration for the new MTV cartoon, Rob Crider, sophomore, sports his 'Beavis and Butthead' t-shirt. Students showed their devotion to TV by wearing memorabilia which captured the personality of their favorite characters.



Couch Potato
Jessica Kauffman, sophomore, looks for her favorite movie at Box Office Video.

Options, alternatives intensify movie madness

With the next movie starting in 15 minutes and a lonely $5 bill in his pocket, students often found themselves debating over whether or not to scrounge up the remaining $2.10 or just hit the shelves of local video stores.

Paying $7.10 at River Run, students found the rising price of tickets a deterrent from going to the shows more often.

"I preferred renting videos because I don't get squished (in the movie theater seats) at home and the volume doesn't blast out my ears," Allison Duesing, sophomore, said. "Plus, videos cost less."

Sitting in the comfort of their favorite chair and relishing in the smell of home cooked popcorn, students often found it easier to relax in familiar surroundings.

"Renting videos were better. Theaters always had the temperature too low and I freeze," Jamie Jablonski, sophomore, said. "And there were always people sitting behind you that had to talk through the whole movie and ruin it."

But when new releases opened in the movie theaters, students often opted to view box office smashes before they even hit the video shelves.

"I liked to see movies right away because I figured that it gave me a chance to form my own opinion about the subject, rather than hearing everyone else's two cents," Joe Roman, senior, said. "It made for a more interesting movie."

Arriving at the dark theater, students quickly found their seats and sat back with a large tub of popcorn and intently watched the plot unfold as the movie began.

Remote ratings

Weekly episodes halt student activity

Engrossed in an episode of their favorite television show, teens zoned out the rest of the world and glued themselves to the tube. As telephone calls ceased and activities came to a halt, the weekly addiction returned just in time to provide an escape from the everyday hassles of school work.

Whether watching favorite soap operas like "Days of Our Lives" or comedies like "Beavis and Butthead," determined students refused to miss a single minute of their show. "I can't miss 'I Love Lucy' or 'Silk Stalkings', because I'm so addicted to them," Jacqueline Morrow, junior, said.

If die hard fans can't see every minute of their favorite television show, they often find other ways to hear what happened. "If I miss 'Seinfeld' I try to find out what happened from my friends," Bob Wojcik, sophomore, said.

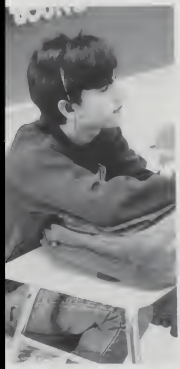
> **"I wrote the TV station when 'I Love Lucy' reruns were cancelled."**
> **Jacqueline Morrow**
> **junior**

Other students read about their favorite programs to keep up on new story lines. "Every Sunday in *The Times* there are soap updates, so I read those to keep up on them, since I can't see them everyday," Heather Siukola, senior, said.

Some students get so crazed over their programs that they would take action if they cancelled their favorite shows. "I wrote the TV station when 'I Love Lucy' reruns were cancelled on Saturdays and Sundays," Jacqueline said.

Others believed that television gets in the way of school. "Television programs are a waste of time when students could be doing something worthwhile," Mrs. Stephanie Casey, English teacher, said.

As long as students can balance their lives between the two worlds of fantasy and reality, they should not have to miss a single episode of their favorite show.



All ears
While listening to the radio, Omar Porras, senior, watches his classmates in Advisory.

Tune in, turn it up: Face the music

Flipping through the CD rack, the student then rushes to the counter only to find that he doesn't have enough money to purchase his much-wanted find.

Although buying a favorite CD could substitute for going to a concert, many students felt the price crunch even if they were already sacrificing other forms of entertainment.

"Sometimes instead of going to a movie or buying Christmas presents I'll buy myself something," Nate Kras, junior, said. "It's usually a CD I've been wanting, but either way I end up feeling guilty."

Still, there were always those that chose staying home and basking in the ambiance of being able to enjoy their own private serenade by their band. "When I'm alone I listen to Stone Temple Pilots and Pearl Jam," Hani Zabaneh, freshman, said. "I also sing and do my homework."

After considering the endless options, students decided to go their own way and try a little of everything to choose what was right for them.

TUBE TIME

To answer the question not of "What's on TV?" but instead "What on TV's worth watching?" students decided on their favorite TV shows past and present, and declared these winners.

GIRLS

Top Watched TV Shows

Melrose Place
Beverly Hills 90210
Seinfeld
Roseanne
Home Improvement

Reruns

Saved by the Bell
Brady Bunch
Three's Company
Roseanne
Cheers

BOYS

Top Watched TV Shows

Seinfeld
Home Improvement
Married with Children
Sports Center
Star Trek: The Next Generation

Reruns

Married with Children
Cheers
Three's Company

by: Joe Sus

Source: 275 students surveyed

LIVE IT UP

Casual comfort
Opting for the relaxed look, some students resorted to sweatshirts and denim to provide them with the ultimate, care-free style.

Who wears short shorts?
Catching up on the weekend's happenings, Jen Kenar, sophomore, shows off her latest fashion purchase of daisy dukes.

Waist band
Whether displaying the latest fashion trends or just cooling off, students tied their shirts around their waists.

Footloose
Endless shoe options allowed students to choose between style and comfort as they searched their closets for anything from Birkenstocks to Doc Martens.

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Girls' Top Places to Shop

Gap
Express
Marshall Field's
Limited
Marshalls

Guys' Top Places to Shop

Gap
American Eagle
Marshall Field's
DeJaiz
K Mart/Penneys

Whether they shopped for themselves or only expanded their wardrobes around holidays and the start of school, students reviewed their closets and headed to their favorite shopping locations.

by: Joe Sus

Source: 282 students surveyed

Stepping out in style

Fashion trends attempt to dress up school days, hallways

Tossing clothes on her bed, the sleepy student searched for an outfit to wear to school. She zipped up her Gap jeans, buttoned up her Polo shirt, tied up her Bass bucs, and bolted out the door.

Studying in style, students swarmed the school wearing the latest fashion trends. While some grabbed the first thing they saw in their closet, many worked hard to compile the perfect outfit.

"Last year, students dressed more relaxed," Katie Frazier, sophomore, said. "This year, people seemed to plan their outfits. They decided the night before, so they could look good the next day."

With styles ranging from Daisy Dukes to Birkenstocks, students held various opinions about which trends suited them. "I can't believe anyone would wear Daisy Dukes," said April Glueckert, senior. "The girls who wore them must have been looking for attention. I'm so self-conscious that the shortest shorts I wore reached my mid-thighs."

Footwear frenzy also swept the school, as students sported the latest trends in shoes. "Birkenstocks are so ugly," Scott Matucha, senior, said. "I don't understand why people spent so much money on them. The Grateful Dead followers started wearing them a long time ago, then a few kids started wearing them at school, and everyone followed."

Women's shoes changed, as well, and some students held their doubts. "I like platform shoes, but I would never wear clogs," said Beth Chansler, senior. "Clogs remind me of the wooden shoes girls wear in Holland."

Although many students believed that dressy styles prevailed, others confirmed that students appeared more laid-back. "I saw more blue jeans and sweatshirts in the halls than usual," said Mr. Art Haverstock, science teacher. "I've also seen a lot of multi-colored gym shoes."

Many students appreciated the relaxed tone to dress comfortably. "I liked the way you could wear sweat pants to school without feeling guilty," Vicky LeVan, junior, said. "I could look ugly and not be made fun of. It was considered fashionable."

Such grunge looks often resulted intentionally. Teens planned messy outfits that only looked thrown together. "People put long-sleeved shirts around their waists on purpose, not because they were too hot to wear them," Cori Garcia, sophomore, said. "I wore a shirt around my waist to cover up my butt, thighs and hips."

> **"Clogs remind me of the wooden shoes girls wear in Holland."**
>
> **Beth Chansler**
> **senior**

Satisfied with the new trends, teens happily waved good-bye to old ones. "B.U.M. shirts were so stupid. I'm glad they're not popular anymore," John Wasem, freshman, said. "No one even knew what B.U.M. stood for anyway."

Although most teachers appreciated current styles, others remembered the dress codes enforced at their school. "I had a strict dress code at my school," Mr. Haverstock said. "Students couldn't wear jeans, except on Fridays. We always had to wear belts, and if we wanted to wear hats, we had to carry them."

Shedding her Gap jeans, Polo shirt and Bass bucs, the tired girl returned home from school. She crashed onto her Espirit bedspread and gazed once again into her closet for something to wear to school the next day.

Snowball
Steadily holding senior kicker Grady Willis's field goal attempt against State Champion Hobart, Jeff O'Connor, junior, concentrates on keeping the football perfectly still while the snow falls around them. With Willis's attempt sailing shy of the uprights and Hobart dominating the contest, the football team suffered only their second loss of the season in the Regional competition.

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE

Kicked Into High Gear after a three-month break from **grueling** practices, athletes returned ready to excel in the midst of the new Lake 10 Conference.

Kicked Into High Gear

Safety Pin
Demanding nothing less than a pin, Mark Meyers, senior, forces another victory from his opponent. Wrestlers and other athletes spent hours on end preparing for competition which may have lasted for less than six minutes.

After **sweltering** practices in the August heat, the Football Team concluded their 10-2 season, losing only to teams which advanced to State Finals competition.

Packing up the **red vans**, the Girls' Golf and Boys' Tennis Teams headed to Indianapolis. After exchanging encouraging words, the Tennis Team topped off an **undefeated** season with a fourth place State finish. At the same time, the Golf Team returned to the second week of their State competition with a 10-stroke lead over the nine remaining teams. Finishing only behind the returning State Champions, they received State Runner-up status.

Safer Strategy
Prior to the start of the third quarter, Coach Laurie Hamilton, middle school teacher, gives Amy Folta, junior; Jaime Muskin and Christina Kunelis, seniors; Stefanie Blacke, junior, and Becky Ahlf, sophomore, team strategy. Coaches often resorted to Plan B to combat tough competition.

Success reigned in other seasons, as the Boys' Cross Country Team qualified a runner for Semi-State, and the Girls' Swim Team advanced four teammates to State competition.

Inspiring fan support and ongoing determination continued throughout the year as **victorious** teams all found themselves Kicked Into High Gear.

"This was truly a season dedicated to the team, and all the sacrifices made were made for the team."

Coach Leroy Marsh

FOOTBALL

27-24 South Bend Washington
35-14 Calumet
36-0 Griffith
47-21 Morton
30-6 Bishop Noll
49-0 Highland
24-7 Hammond High
14-35 Lake Central

Sectionals
42-7 Lew Wallace
15-8 Morton
28-14 Lowell
Regionals
0-20 Hobart

10-2
Conference Champs
Sectional Champs

FOOTNOTES

HIGH HEADED
Seconds after winning Sectionals against Lowell, the players raise their helmets in victory as the fans surround them in support on the fifty-yard line. Capturing their first Sectional Championship since 1988, the team's 28-14 victory assured their place in Regional play.

PUMP IT UP
To psych up the team for the Lake Central competition, Matt Mybeck, senior, pumps up the sideline players. Throughout the season, players kept their spirits up whether they were on or off the field.

HIGH HOPES

With Lowell victory, team captures 4A Sectional title

From the first day of practice in the sweltering heat of August to the snowy showdown at the Brickie Bowl, the football team shed blood, sweat and tears to work towards winning.

"Everyone stuck together. We won together and we lost together," Doug Rathert, junior, said.

With the start of the new Lake 10 Conference, the team rolled over its competitors and proved themselves worthy of becoming the first Conference Champions.

"The competition was easier because we had some of the weaker teams in our conference, except for Griffith. They are always tough competition compared to the other teams," Grady Willis, senior, said.

The Mustangs remained undefeated with a 3-0 record after shutting out Griffith 36-0. "Griffith was a very important game because it forced us to raise our play to a different level," Coach Leroy Marsh, health teacher, said.

Hosting Highland, the team three-peated at the Battle of the Bridge with a score of 49-0. "As a sophomore it was nice to win; but not being a senior, I didn't really get the true feeling," Matt Knoepke, junior, said.

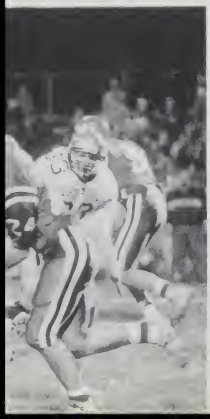
The stadium filled with spectators waiting to see the undefeated Mustangs play the Lake Central Indians, but the team suffered their first loss of the season, 14-35.

"I felt disappointed because we should have beat them, but the momentum changed near the end. Being a class 5A school probably contributed to their win, because they had more people and we were dying near the end," Willis said.

With a good night's sleep, the football players awoke to find new pillowcases on their beds. The coaches decided that it would be a motivation for the team.

"The boys were really pleased to have them. It kept them more focused and positive. It was more for morale than for anything else," Mrs. Marilou Popa, mother, said.

After beating Gary Lew Wallace and Hammond Morton in the previous two Sectional games, they went on to capture the Sectional title by defeating Lowell.



PRESSURE'S ON Headed for the gap in the defensive line, Tony Bazarko, junior, receives the handoff from quarterback Tim Fesko, senior. Fesko earned First Team All-Conference honors.

FOOTBALL: (front row) Brian Eldridge, Steve Holka, Tim Fesko, Ryan Popa, Tim Bognar, Kevin Davis, Brad Caddick. (second row) C.J. Compton, Dan Wilson, Matt Mybeck, Jeremie Brackett, Brent Bognar, Mike Jez, Tim Semchuck, Grady Willis. (third row) Pete Mangus, Burt Hube, Milan Dotlich, Joe Riccio, Mark Gralewski, Todd Stalmack, Jeff Bagull, Adrian Smith, Bob Gonzales. (fourth row) Chris Marsh, Don Williams, Dave Ortman, Jeff O'Connor, Jason Brooks, Ryan Korthauer, Doug Rathert, Keith Thomas. (fifth row) Pat Schneider, Travis McMahen, Jason Nichols, Tony Bazarko, Tom Anzur, Jeff Dumakowski, Jeff Alters, Jeff DeVries, Matt Knoepke. (sixth row) Chuck Harvey, Mark Posich, Mike Stroupe, Don Buikema, D.J. Stenberg, Chuck Ranich, Pete Vrehas, Adam Jagadich, John Ramirez, Paul Del Rio. (seventh row) John Rybicki, Nick Qualls, Brad DeChantal, Mike Heck, Scott Zimnerman, Aaron Zambo, Keith Madderom, Joe Mendoza. (eighth row) George Vouklidis, Meghan Woodrick, Gabrina Garza, Rob Kopenec, Radley Robinson, Tim Largus. (back row) Coach Scott McAlister, Coach Tom Largus, Coach Dirk Sloan, Coach Leroy Marsh, John Doherty, Coach Bob Shinkan, Coach Rick Flutka.

HIGH HOPES *continued*

"It felt good to win, because we should have beaten them (Lowell) last year," Co-captain Brian Eldridge, senior, said. "I'm glad we won before the seniors left."

Streamers and balloons which hung from the ceiling of the Commons projected the enthusiasm of the school spirit. Personalized signs boosted the players' confidence as energetic fans crowded the stadium at the Brickie Bowl. Sitting through the pouring rain, faithful fans stuck it out to the end at Regionals.

"Ever since I was little I've always dreamed of playing Hobart," quarterback Tim Fesko, senior, said. "There's so much tradition at the Brickie Bowl and I wanted to be a part of it."

Suffering their only losses to the 4A Division Champions and the 5A Division Runners-up, the team performed up to the expectations, according to Coach Marsh.

"We dominated most of our games," Ryan Korthauer, junior, said. "We did what we were expected to do which was to beat Lowell."

Injuries occurred on and off during the season which created opportunities for players to step in and do the job, yet no jealousy existed.

"You would think there would probably be some jealousy, but no one fought at all," Co-captain Ryan Popa, senior, said.

With a 6-2 record, the Junior Varsity team ended their season on a high note with a victory against Lake Central.

"Overall the team did a good job. We had some high and low points. We finished with a big win over Lake Central which was nice to end the year," Coach Scott McAlister, social studies teacher, said.

Goals of the JV team were to produce effective players at the varsity level. Skill was their main objective according to Coach McAlister.

The Freshman Team began their high school football career maintaining a record of 4-1. "We accomplished more than last year. We proved that we could play without one of our best players," Roger Luna, freshman, said.

Although they did not make it to State, the Varsity Football Team held tough and proved their strength as a team by finishing the season with a 10-2 record.

TAKE THE FIELD
As Dave Ogren, the voice of the Mustangs, announces their arrival, the football team breaks through the spirit ring made by the cheerleaders. As the Mustangs made their way to Regionals, fan support soared with 901 tickets sold for the game against Hobart.

UP IN ARMS

In the arms of Ryan Popa, senior, Brian Edridge, senior, celebrates the just earned Sectional victory. Both co-captains were selected as *Times* Athletes of the Week during the season.

JOB WELL DONE

With 240 yards and 8 carries, Brian Eldridge, senior, receives a congratulatory pat on the back from teammate Tim Semchuck, senior. Eldridge ranked third in the state by scoring 21 touchdowns and earning 1,295 rushing yards.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL: (front row) Albert Song, Mike Morgan, Dave Rybicki, Kyle Dempsey, Nick Zubay, Rich Miller, John Folta. (second row) Greg Nadolski, Ryan Baggett, Scott Crepeau, Kurt Bendis, Michah Dolatowski, Pat Byrne. (third row) David Fiegle, Derek Smith, Mike Domascia, Mike Patelis, Ryan Maxin, Aaron Bazarko, Steve Johnson. (fourth row) Shawn Higgins, Joe Reidelbach, Chris Herkey, Nick DeRosa, John-Paul Nowak, Jim Yannakopoulous, Paul Economou, Tom Swanson. (fifth row) Steve Hedges, Mike Grady, Bill Parker, Aaron Conklin, Ryan Glinski, Ryan Christianse, Brad Rathert. (sixth row) Carl Adler, Omar Sheriff, Larry Mabs, Kris Lemon, J.J. Pestikas, Joe Skurka, Nick Cuban, Todd Compton. (back row) Coach Spangler and Coach Piniak.

FOOTBALL

JUNIOR VARSITY

8-7 EC Central
48-0 Calumet
4-10 Griffith
26-0 Morton
12-20 Bishop Noll
22-6 Highland
15-14 Hammond High
14-12 Lake Central

6-2

FRESHMAN A

20-14 Hammond High
9-0 Lake Central
6-12 Griffith
34-7 Morton
34-0 Bishop Noll
7-0 Highland

5-1

FRESHMAN B

32-7 Lake Central
21-0 Highland
34-10 Griffith
13-19 Clark
28-0 Morton

4-1

FOOTNOTES

"The best game we played was when we went to Lafayette, because we played together as a team and beat a state ranked team."

Amy Folta
junior

VOLLEYBALL

VARSITY

1-2 Lowell
2-0 Hanover Central
2-0 Hobart
2-0 Crown Point
2-1 Valparaiso
2-0 Calumet
2-1 Hammond High
2-1 Griffith
2-0 Clark
2-0 Highland
2-0 Morton
2-0 Whiting
2-0 Bishop Noll
2-0 Gavit
1-2 Andrean
2-1 Lake Central
Chesterton Tourney
2-0 Clark
2-0 Portage
2-0 Chesterton
Lafayette Jeff Tourney
2-1 Clinton Prairie
0-2 Ft. Wayne Carroll
2-0 Kokomo
2-1 Indianapolis North Central
Merrillville Tourney
2-0 Penn
0-2 Mishawaka
1-2 Ft. Wayne Wayne
Sectionals
0-2 Lake Central

21-6

JUNIOR VARSITY

2-0 Lowell
2-0 Hanover Central
2-0 Hobart
2-0 Crown Point
1-2 Valparaiso
2-0 Hammond High
2-0 Griffith
2-1 Clark
2-0 Highland
2-0 Morton
2-0 Whiting
2-1 Bishop Noll
2-0 Gavit
2-0 Andrean
0-2 Lake Central
Michigan City Rogers Tourney
0-2 Muncie Burris
0-2 Michigan City Rogers
0-2 Mishawaka
0-2 Warsaw
Andrean Tourney
2-1 Lowell
2-1 Hanover
1-2 Andrean
0-2 Lafayette Harrisen
Munster Tourney
2-0 Clark
2-0 Gavit

17-8

FRESHMAN A

2-1 Lake Central
2-0 Merrillville
2-0 Clark
2-1 Valparaiso
2-0 Hammond High
2-0 Clark
0-2 Bishop Noll
2-1 Highland
2-0 Hobart
0-2 Portage
0-2 Bishop Noll
0-2 Crown Point
2-1 Andrean
2-1 Lowell
1-2 Lake Central
0-2 Highland
Valparaiso Tourney
2-1 Gavit
0-2 LaPorte
2-0 Chesterton
2-0 Portage

10-6

FRESHMAN B

2-1 Lake Central
2-1 Merrilville
2-0 Clark
0-2 Valparaiso
1-0 Hammond High
0-2 Clark
0-2 Bishop Noll
2-0 Highland
0-2 Bishop Noll
0-2 Crown Point
1-2 Andrean
1-1 Lowell

8-7-1

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL: (front row) Meghan Corcoran, Jill Savage, Mindy Nicholas, Jenny Nicholas. (second row) Cara Bailey, Allison Baut, Heidi Stout, Gina Poppe, Caryn Kobe, Angie Kubacki. (back row) Tami Sands, Jenny Sliwa, Dani Jayjack, Coach Don Fortner, Kelly Hendry, Katie Kinnis, Evelyn Dooley.

JV VOLLEYBALL: (front row) Davina Mazumdar, Cassie Pence, Amy Strong, Jessica Gorski, Leslie Hernandez, Marlyne Coyne. (back row) Coach Chuck Schallhorn, Julie Fekete, Karen Prisby, Becky Jacob, Therese Keslin, Dionah Austgen, Sara Stennis, Kay Watson.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: (front row) Chrisi Mead, Sara Blacke, Becky Jacob, Jill Heaney, Jackie Nebelsiek, Alaina Altschul. (back row) Coach Carmi Thornton, Patty Hemingway, Jaime Muskin, Michelle Crepeau, Amy Folta, Jeanine Baciu, Coach Chuck Schallhorn.

FOOTNOTES

FINAL BEND

Volleyball Team clinches Lake 10 Conference title

Staring through the cross-hairs formed by the criss-crossing net, the spiker eyes the opponent's court for an open space to place the kill.

Landing the ball in the open court helped the Volleyball Team to a Conference Championship in a self-proclaimed rebuilding year. "We really played above even our own expectations and finished with a great record," Coach Carmi Thornton, elementary teacher, said.

The team showcased their abilities at numerous weekend tournaments such as the one at Bailly Elementary School. Three straight victories swept the tournament as Clark Coach Carol Core referred to the Mustangs' front line as a "heck of a combo."

Good times continued for the team on and off the court. "The entire team was really close, we were all friends and no one was excluded," Co-captain Patty Hemingway, senior, said.

The team's togetherness showed as they beat 12th ranked Clinton Prairie in the Lafayette Jeff Invitational. "We worked hard all summer and we wanted to prove that we had a good team," Sara Blacke, junior, said. "We pulled together before Clinton Prairie and played our best hoping that a win would get us ranked."

Despite tournament and Conference titles, the team's State dreams ended short. After beating Lake Central earlier in the season, the Lady Indians avenged their loss. "We prepared as best we could," Hemingway said. "They controlled us from the beginning and we weren't able to play the style of volleyball we wanted."

Style improved for the freshman team as experience helped them gain skills. "By the end of the year we were making blocks that we wouldn't have even touched at the beginning of the year," Freshman Coach Don Fortner, business teacher, said.

Improving technical skills also helped the Junior Varsity team prepare for Varsity play. As the team gained confidence, they demonstrated more signs of teamwork and unity, according to Karen Prisby, sophomore.

Zeroing in on the unguarded opponent's court, the Volleyball Team won the first Lake 10 Conference Championship by performing above expectations.

EYE ON THE BALL
Getting set to make the pass, Michelle Crepeau, senior, concentrates on the ball after an Andrean hit. Crepeau's play garnered her First Team All-Conference and Second Team All-Area honors.

CLOSE CIRCLE
Because their Griffith opponents began to rally, the team calls a time out while Coach Carmi Thornton, elementary teacher, attempts to motivate them to peak performance. Coach Thornton later received Coach of the Year honors after going undefeated in Conference play.

PERFECT FORM

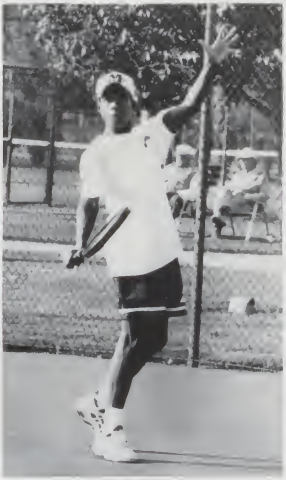
Keeping his mind on fundamentals, BJ Palmer, junior, takes a practice swing before a match on the home courts. Palmer took his perfect 22-0 record into the State Final Four where he suffered his only two defeats.

HEADS UP

With all his energy and determination, Dan Byrne, junior, forces his serve past his opponent at a match at Community Park. Byrne teamed up with Ron Davidson, senior, to grab First Team Doubles All-State honors.

"This team was outstanding and we had a lot of fun doing what we did best, winning matches."

Dan Byrne
junior



BOYS' TENNIS

5-0 Hobart
5-0 Valparaiso
5-0 Calumet
5-0 Gavit
5-0 Clark
5-0 Hammond High
5-0 Griffith
5-0 Morton
5-0 Bishop Noll
5-0 Highland
5-0 Lake Central
5-0 Merrillville
4-1 Crown Point

South Bend Clay Invitational
1st Place
LaPorte Invitational
3-2 Penn
3-2 Plymouth
Sectionals
5-0 Hammond High
5-0 Morton
Regionals
5-0 Lowell
4-1 Crown Point
Semi-State
4-1 Penn
4-1 Elkhart Central
State Tournament
2-3 Floyd Central
1-4 Homestead

21-2
Conference Champs
4th in State

STEPPING UP

In position to take the point as he plays the net, varsity player Gary Almase, sophomore, reacts to his forehand volley.

Serving as part of the team's powerhouse at the singles position, Almase was named the team's Outstanding Sophomore.

FOOTNOTES

FLYING HIGH

Tennis Team soars to State Final Four

Swinging their way to 21 consecutive victories, the Boys' Tennis Team captured Semi-State and traveled to Indianapolis to compete in the State Finals for the first time since 1985.

Continual hard work and strenuous practice kept the team motivated on achieving their goal of returning to South Bend for Semi-State. "We all worked hard to improve ourselves and the team," Co-captain Ray Doerner, senior, said. "We definitely deserved to go as far as we did in the tournament."

The team's success propelled them to the State Tournament and gave them the momentum and confidence needed to continue their winning ways, according to Dan Byrne, junior.

"We knew our team was better than just good after the LaPorte Invitational," Byrne said. "It let us know that we could beat the tougher teams and do well."

The team took their perfect 15-0 record to Sectionals in expectation of a victory. This attitude combined with the team's strong play and unity helped them roll over Hammond Morton in just 45 minutes to extend the team's string of consecutive Sectional Championships to 13. "Even though we expected it, taking the Sectional gave us that little extra confidence that we needed," Gary Almase, sophomore, said.

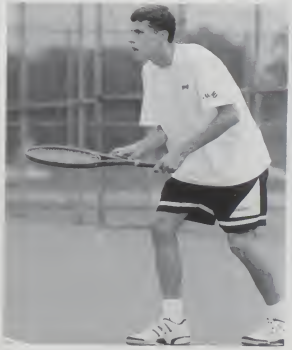
The team continued swatting away opponents, knocking Lowell and Crown Point out of the State Tournament and grabbing their third Regional Championship in three years. "Winning the Regional was great," BJ Palmer, junior, said. "But getting the chance to return to South Bend made it especially gratifying."

The rain and cold of early October caused the site of the Semi-State Tournament to move to the indoor courts at Notre Dame, but did not budge the level of the team's play. They beat Penn and Elkhart Central and took the step which had eluded the team for eight seasons.

Their undefeated streak of 21 matches came to an end in Indianapolis at the Final Four with consecutive losses to Floyd Central and Fort Wayne Homestead.

"I was totally pleased with this season," Co-captain Ron Davidson, senior, said. "Being my last year here, I think it ended at the perfect place, State."

CLASSIC CONCENTRATION
Focused on his opponent's every move, Co-captain Ray Doerner, senior, waits to return a serve. At the No. 1 singles position, Doerner led the team to their first Lake 10 Conference Championship and also received Honorable Mention to the All-State Team.



BOYS' TENNIS: (front row) Andy Stemer, Suchit Majmudar, Mike Rosenstein, Jimmy Yannakopoulos, Eric Ribble, Justin Smith, Jason Holajter, Anuj Grover. (second row) Marius Hentea, A.J. Detterline, John Weaver, Jeremy Smolen, Mark Sampias, Vijay Krishnamoorthy, Kurt Terandy, Kyu Park. (third row) B.J. Palmer, Ross Vanator, Ron Davidson, Ray Doerner, Gary Almase, Dan Byrne, Mark Hinshaw, Coach Musselman. (back row) Sunil Pinnamaneni, Bob Tracy, Brian Krieger, Mark Grabski, Geoff Kaiser, Brett Friedman, Hill Son, Brent Gust.

HOLD TIGHT

Unity, balance motivate team to Regionals

Splashing through a puddle with a huddle of more than 20 people while maintaining a constant stride across a 5 mile course of mud, grass or dirt, the Girls' Cross Country Team ran their way to Regional competition.

While jogging up to 8 miles in weather ranging from 35 to 95 degrees may seem like insanity, this constituted a season for the Cross Country Team. They began practicing in the scorching sun of August and ran daily for more than an hour up until the early snowfall of October.

"It may seem grueling, but it gives personal satisfaction," Coach Rita Camire said. "You have to conquer your body and the elements, and looking back you can be proud."

Despite the fact that key injuries hurt in the long run, according to Amy Rasch, senior, the team rallied after their season and concentrated on the post-season tournament. "We had a big pasta party before Sectionals that really psyched us up," Laura Schrage, freshman, said. "It also helped the team get unified."

The team also grew closer by sending each other motivational messages on fruit or balloons, according to Co-captain Corrie Watterson, senior. "I got a balloon from Dara Kraay (junior) before a big meet and it helped me get pumped up."

Excited teammates helped the runners' overall post-season performance. Conference performances earned Watterson, Schrage and Olivia Topete, sophomore, Second Team All-Conference honors.

Post-season success continued for the team as they placed fourth at Sectionals and qualified for Regionals. "We were really proud that we qualified for Regionals since it was the focus of the year," Rasch said. "Munster had qualified the previous three years and we didn't want our team to look bad."

Failing to place at Regionals, the team didn't achieve all of their personal goals, but were still able to maintain a positive attitude throughout the entire competition. "We ran our best, and just being there was a thrill," Kraay said.

Gasping for air after completing a grueling race, a smile broke through the sweaty faces of the runners as they crossed the finish line after battling the elements of the five mile run.

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY: (front row) Olivia Topete, Dana Wierzbinski, Bethany Moritz, Amy Rasch, Kelly Florek. (second row) Jen Szypczak, Kim Smith, Shipra Chandnani, Lisa Tabion. (back row) Coach Camire, Jocelyn Vanderhook, Amy Cornelison, Laura Schrage, Dara Kraay, Corrie Watterson.

KEEPING UP As Jen Szypczak, senior, tries to cope with the wet coarse, her Hobart opponent attempts to gain points in the triangular meet. Szypczak later received the Senior Pride award.

BREAKING AWAY
After the gun sounded the start of the race, Corrie Watterson, senior, tries to break away from the rest of the runners. Watterson's performance helped her achieve Second Team All-Conference honors.

HELPING HAND
Exhausted after running 2.5 miles, Corrie Watterson, senior, gets support from Dara Kraay, junior. Watterson's efforts earned her the Most Valuable Runner award.

HAIR RAISER
Hair swinging with every stride, Lisa Tabion, freshman, strives to finish. Tabion lowered times all year and finished in the first half of the runners at Conference.

"We were running after school and some old, fat guys in a beat up Chevy with black windows kept trying to pick us up. Eventually, we called the police."

Dana Weirzbinski
senior

GIRLS' CROSS

45-16 Lowell
15-50 Hobart

Gavit Invitational
8th Place
Crown Point Invitational
4th Place
TF South Invitational
17th Place
Lowell Invitational
7th Place
Highland Invitational
11th Place
Munster Invitational
3rd Place
Clark Invitational
6th Place
Conference
6th Place
Sectionals
5th Place

Regional Qualifier

FOOTNOTES

JUMP START

Semi-State Runner sparks team to Regionals

Running in the rain and slopping through the mud, the Boys' Cross Country Team jogged through another season.

With many experienced upperclassmen and a grove of eager freshmen, the team finished the regular season with a 5-4 record. "The team improved over last year," Coach Aaron Brown, middle school teacher, said. "They worked hard and made a good effort."

The team proved strong as they placed third at the Lake 10 Conference Championship and then captured fourth at Sectionals which qualified them for Regionals. After placing ninth at Regionals, only Ron Magliola, senior, made it to Semi-State. "I knew it was attainable," Magliola said. "The time I put in was worth it."

With the addition of a float for the Homecoming parade, the team flaunted a rising spirit and added excitement by dousing the parade onlookers with squirt guns from the top of the float. "We wanted to bring the team closer together," Jim Whiteley, junior, said. "We had a lot of fun doing it, too."

The team celebrated many rituals and traditions over the year, ranging from a pick-up football game every time the team went to the Clark Invitational to setting off a teammate's car alarm before every practice. "We spent about as much time working hard as we did goofing around," Joe Furdek, junior, said. "And that's a lot."

With practices that consisted of running five to six miles a day, the team showed determination and committment. "The team had a willingness to work hard," Rob Kopenec, sophomore, said. "Some runners even practiced on their own on Sundays."

Exhausted by the hours of hard work and strenuous practice schedules, the Boys' Cross Country Team crossed the finish line to end another season filled with thoughts of personal satisfaction and team accomplishment.

ON YOUR MARK
Trying to get the edge over the other runners, Ron Magliola, senior, and Joe Furdek, junior, followed closely by teammates Chris Fortin, senior; Chris Wojtowich, junior, and Omar Porras, senior, leap from the starting line. Although the team members concentrated on personal bests during the meets, they worked together and supported each other during preparations.

FINAL STRETCH

Staying in stride, Co-captain Omar Porras, senior, tries to keep his lead over his Lake Central opponent. Porras received the Most Improved and the Pride, Hustle, Desire awards.

NECK AND NECK

Approaching the finish line, Ron Magliola, senior, and Joe Furdek, junior, keep each other in stride. Outside training allowed runners to grow accustomed to their teammates' style and better themselves as a result.

BOYS' CROSS: (front row) Gabe Porras, Dan Blue, Jeremy Piniak, Jason Koscielski. (second row) Brad Vliek, Joe Furdek, Jim Whiteley, John Leslie, Rob Kopenec, Dan Spomar. (back row) Chris Fortin, Chris Wojtowich, Phil Spence, Steve Bonnar, Coach Aaron Brown, Omar Porras, Eric Slazyk, Ron Magliola.

"We trampled the competition like a giant 14-foot shoe."

Ron Magliola
senior

BOYS' CROSS

27-35-70 Lowell
Calumet
36-46-59-100
E.C. Central
Horace Mann
Bishop Noll
25-32 Gavit

Gavit Invitational
5th Place
Crown Point Invitational
4th Place
TF South Invitational
8th Place
Lowell Invitational
6th Place
Highland Invitational
8th Place
Clark Invitational
5th Place
Conference
3rd Place
Sectionals
4th Place

5-4
Regional Qualifier
Semi-State Runner

FOOTNOTES

POWER DRIVE

Golf Team earns runner-up status at State Meet

Team bonding and togetherness provided the Girls' Golf Team with a season of new beginnings and long-lasting memories.

Beginning the season with two pre-season invitational wins, the team's early success greatly contributed to their performance and continual motivation, according to Coach Tom Whiteley, social studies teacher.

At the Rensselaer Invitational, Co-captain Galyn Gasparovic, senior, shot 75, breaking the school's 18-hole record of 80 set in 1988.

"I worked hard all summer. My game really came together and paid off," Gasparovic said.

Ending their regular season with a 9-1 record and maintaining a season 9-hole average of 182 strokes, the team suffered only one loss to Andrean High School.

"I was really sad about losing. It didn't really hit me until we got to the van," Sharon Spicer, sophomore, said. "I just kept thinking if I could have just shot three better, we could have won."

After coasting through Sectionals, the team captured their third straight Sectional crown and headed to Regionals where the cold, damp weather failed to keep them from placing second and advancing to State competition.

"Although I was happy with the team's overall effort, we wanted to win," Co-captain Shoshana Gordon, senior, said. "But we were just happy making it to State."

Running through the hallways of the Indianapolis Holidome, the team incorporated hide-and-go-seek into their pre-State routine.

"It meant a lot that we had fun together and got pumped for the next day," Lauren Hensley, sophomore, said.

With a 10 stroke lead, the team found themselves returning for the second week of competition at the Golf Club of Prestwick.

"The first week we were ecstatic. I never expected us to be in first. I just hoped to make the cut, so it was a surprise to end up in contention for the championship," Gasparovic said.

Falling six strokes to Martinsville in the second round, however, the team endured freezing temperatures and slow play in route to finishing in second place.

"It took a couple of tears to see how well we really did, but I'd love to place second at State again," Gordon said.

Retiring after earning his first State Runner-up trophy, Whiteley ended his coaching reign.

"I wanted to devote more time to my family," Coach Whiteley said. "I have enjoyed each and every one of my sixteen teams, but it was time to move on."

As the intense season came to a close, memories of a record breaking year and a State Runner-up title left the golf team with warm feelings of team unity and an overall sense of pride.

SAND BLAST
In attempt to perfect her sand play, Galyn Gasparovic, senior, practices her short game in hopes of saving strokes in her next match. Gasparovic led the Lady Mustangs with a school-record 42.4 nine hole season average, and also earned Academic All-State, and Second Team All-State honors.

EYE ON SUCCESS Solidly holding her finish after a fairway shot on the first hole at Briar Ridge, Shoshana Gordon, senior, follows the flight of the ball hoping it lands close to the pin. Individual practice proved valuable for players to perfect their own problem shots.

ADD IT UP After completing her final round of the State Finals at the Golf Club of Prestwick in Indianapolis, Sara Conley, junior, totals her scores as she walks to the clubhouse. Conley, a three-time State-qualifier, also received the Pride, Hustle and Desire Award for the second straight season.

GIRLS' GOLF: (front row) Melanie Yuraitis, Jeanne Horak, Marika Voukidis, Stephanie Rudd, Allison Porch. (back row) Lauren Hensley, Mandee Adams, Galyn Gasparovic, Shoshana Gordon, Sara Conley, Sharon Spicer, Coach Whiteley.

"Being ranked first was exciting, but it also added some pressure. It made us feel like we had to play like that to live up to being number one."

Sara Conley
junior

GIRLS' GOLF

184-285 Crown Point
196-225 Valparaiso
191-277 Chesterton
182-215 Merrillville
190-212 Lake Central
196-193 Andrean
182-259 Lowell
194-259 Bishop Noll
197-219-213 Marquette Portage

Rensselaer Invitational
339 1st Place
Lafayette Jeff Invitational
344 1st Place
Michigan City Invitational
376 2nd Place
LaPorte Invitational
2nd Place
Sectionals
369 1st Place
Regionals
369 2nd Place
State Tournament
First round
362 1st Place
Second round
363 2nd Place

9-1
Sectional Champs
State Runner-Ups

FOOTNOTES

SPIRIT BOOST

Swimming Team chants rally call for State qualifiers

Whether talking in the locker room before practice or splashing through the water at a meet, the Girls' Swim Team cheered on teammates as the races drew near.

At the start of the season, returning team members initiated first year swimmers into the big sister/little sister program where varsity swimmers became mentors and confidants for each newcomer.

During Sectionals, swimmers chose secret pals to boost spirits and encourage team unity.

"Every hour before class started, my secret pal went to my teacher and gave her a little brown bag with something in it," Tasha Mitchener, senior, said. "It really made me want to go out and win Sectionals."

But the spirit didn't end in the locker room. Keeping with tradition, Captains Katie Amdahl and Karen Edington, seniors, led a procession beginning with seniors and finishing with freshmen at the start of each meet. Cheering and chanting, the swimmers marched to their bench where Coach Paula Malinski, physical education teacher, roused them with a pep talk.

The Conference Champion Lady Seahorses placed second at Sectionals, qualifying Kristine Loprich and Jill Pfister, juniors; Kelly Pfister, sophomore, and Katie Woodrick, freshman, for State in the 200-free relay. "The ultimate goal is to do well at Sectionals to qualify for State," Malinski said. "We struggled a little in the beginning, but I was happy with our finish."

Many swimmers who didn't qualify for State traveled to Indianapolis along with those who did in order to boost the overall team morale. According to Malinski, watching State competition proved beneficial for the other swimmers. "So many of the younger girls came back and said, 'I want to swim in that pool.' It made them want to do well next year," she said.

From the time their feet left the block to the moment their hands grazed the wall, echoes of cheering teammates encouraged the Girls' Swim Team to surpass previous goals and set new records of their own.

FIRE UP
To boost team spirit before the meet, Captains Kristi Amdahl and Karen Edington, seniors, lead the team in a motivational chant. The swimmers streaked their hair red and tee-peed each other's houses to psych up before Sectional competition.

CHOW DOWN
While taking a break from practice, the State Relay Qualifying Team of Kelly Pfister, sophomore, and Jill Pfister, Amy Boyle, and Kristine Loprich, juniors, share a bag of Otis Spunkmeyer cookies. The addition of a refrigerator and a microwave to the locker room helped swimmers fulfill their food cravings during their all night fundraiser.

MAKING WAVE
During a warm-up, Tracy Fant, junior, practices the butterfly to improve endurance before Sectionals. Fant shared her Co-Most Valuable Distance Free Style award with Jill Pfister, junior.

"The team was a very classy group of girls. They were complimented many times by other coaches on their performance before meets."

Coach Paula Malinski

GIRLS' SWIMMING

146-38 Bishop Noll
53-133 Lake Central
69-23 Calumet
55-41 Griffith
82-104 Crown Point
120-20 E.C. Central
100-86 LaPorte
120-56 Lowell
114-71 Highland
98-71 Gavit
56-130 Valparaiso
101-79 Rensselaer
113-73 Merrillville
59-127 Elkhart Central
58-35 Hammond High
69-18 EC Central
83-103 Chesterton

Munster Classic Invitational
596-797 Duneland
Highland Invitational
5th Place
Conference
1st Place
Sectionals
2nd Place

12-5
Conference Champs

FOOTNOTES

GIRLS' SWIMMING: (front row) Laura Buehne, Denise Trolinski, Erin Damjanovich, Kristi Amdahl, Kristen Weber, Robin Harwood. (second row) Katie Artius, Tasha Mitchener, Amy Boyle, Jill Pfister, Kristine Loprich, Melissa Lounsberry, Jill Waxman. (third row) Robin Wade, Whitney Yarck, Jaime Jablonski, Holli McCormick, Amanda Horvath, Karen Edington, Gabrina Garza, Brandy Archer, Kate Sindall. (fourth row) Katie Erikson, Tracy Fant, Katie Bona, Erin Krull, Jessica Jagadich, Brenda Zemaitis, Katie Brown, Stacy Bulan, Mary Dyman, Eric Hatfield. (back row) Jenny Ramos, Rosalie Kime, Carrie Hanas, Katie Amdahl, Sarah Joens, Kelly Shaver, Paula Malinski.

"I will always remember the meet against Valparaiso because they were supposed to beat us and it came down to the last event and we won."

Chris Wojtowich
junior

BOYS' SWIMMING

110-76 West Lafayette
110-74 Griffith
111-75 Lake Central
101-85 Portage
118-72 Morton
81-105 South Bend Riley
112-73 Highland
140-34 Bishop Noll
131-52 Merrillville
118-65 Crown Point
109-77 Calumet
137-49 LaPorte
110-76 Chesterton
96-90 Valparaiso

Munster Relay Invitational
2nd Place
Highland Invitational
4th Place
Lake 10 Conference
1st Place
Sectionals
1st Place
State
14th Place

13-1
Conference Champs
Sectional Champs
14th place at State

JV SWIMMING

101-85 Lake Central
130-37 Portage
110-60 South Bend Riley
110-36 Highland
111-32 Crown Point
106-53 LaPorte
73-110 Chesterton
81-102 Valparaiso

Lake 10 Frosh/Soph Conference
3rd Place
East Chicago Central JV Invitational
2nd Place

6-2

FOOTNOTES

BOYS' SWIMMING: (front row) Ryan McNeil, Mike Grady, John Wojcik, Chris Cantwell, Todd Sommers, Jeff Perz, Bob Leary. (second row) Jason Winterfeldt, Dino Dovellos, Ed Bukowski, Gabe Porras, Jim Nelson, Sam Fies, Bill Parker, Scott Hanson. (third row) George Saliga, Chris Palazzolo, Brian Johnson, Jason Steinhauer, Elliot Santner, Mark Matucha, Jon Vanderwal, Garrett Wolotka, Kevin Johnson, Chris Cailles. (fourth row) Joe Weber, Chris Wojtowich, Chuck Schultz, Tim Spomar, Brent Gust, Brian VanBokkelen, Coach Larry Page, Coach Eric Hatfield. (back row) John Kim, Kevin Kaiser, Matt Fulk, Andy Baker, Mike Howe, Chris Wilhite, Head Coach Gary Davis.

CUT IT OUT
Following Sectional tradition, Matt Fulk, senior, receives a unique hairstyle at Styling by Sid in Griffith. The team went on to win every event at the Sectional meet, qualifying everyone for the State meet in Indianapolis.

BOMBS AWAY
To increase his diving score, Joe Weber, junior, attempts a 1 1/2 Pike. For the first time since 1984, two divers qualified for State, with Weber placing sixth at that competition and making Second Team All-Conference.

sectional win leaves State at an

ARM'S LENGTH

Taking a deep breath, the swimmer stepped onto the block. Anticipating the starting gun, he sprung from the block and splashed into the water taking off down the lane with lightening speed.

The Boys' Swim Team dove into their season with Coach Gary Davis, physical education teacher, replacing Coach Jon Jepson, who retired after 23 years.

"I felt that if I kept the winning tradition of the team going that I would be filling only part of the big shoes that were left by Jepson," Coach Davis said. "After one season, I hoped the parents and swimmers thought I started off well."

With Valparaiso and South Bend Riley posing the toughest competition, according to Coach Davis, the team still maintained their winning status by ending their season with a 13-1 record, losing only to Riley.

"We did better than we thought we would," Co-captain Mike Howe, senior, said. "We beat Valparaiso which we didn't expect to do."

For the first time since 1984, the team won every event at Sectionals. "It was exciting to win," Chris Wilhite, junior, said. "There wasn't as much competition, but it was still fun."

Two divers and the entire Sectional team qualified for State competition where they placed 14th. "We could have done better," Chuck Schultz, junior, said. "There were a couple of areas we could have improved in by switching around some people."

Pushing himself at the end of the race, the swimmer stretched out his arm and touched the wall. While trying to catch his breath, he glanced at the clock and realized that even though he won the race, he still hadn't beaten his previous time.

BREATH OF FRESH AIR
During the 200 yard Freestyle, Co-captain Mike Howe, senior, comes up to take a deep breath. Howe made First Team All-Conference in the 200 and 500 yard Freestyle events.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT
To improve his technique, Chris Palazzolo, junior, concentrates on his backstroke. Swimmers spent eight months practicing before and after school to keep in shape for the season.

LISTEN UP

To keep the team on track, Coach Laurie Hamilton, middle school physical education teacher, and the varsity players go over a play during a timeout. Because of injuries to four of the original starters, younger replacements had to fill in.

VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL: (front row) Sara Blacke, Christina Kunelis, Jody Johnson, Marlene Coyne. (second row) Coach Laurie Hamilton, Jenn White, Jaime Muskin, Becky Ahlf, Jackie Nebelsiek, Amy Folta, Manager Gabrina Garza.

JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL: (front row) Liz Spangler, Jenny Speziale, Angie Kubacki, Jenny Johnson, Mary Kaye Rueth. (second row) Coach Carmi Thorton, Dani Jayjack, Karen Prisby, Dana Bull, Kelly Hendry, Jenny Sliwa, Laura Anthony, Manager Gabrina Garza.

FRESHMAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL: (front row) Denise Trelinski, Mindy Nicholas, Lia Carlos, Nancy Pudlo, Odette Gutierrez. (second row) Manager Gabrina Garza, Heidi Stout, Jessica Herkey, Tami Sands, Coach Michael Coil, Heather Higgins, Ellen Kucharski, Dani Jayjack, Jenny Sliwa.

"Even though we finished without a winning record, it was still very successful and we had a lot of fun playing."

Amy Folta
junior

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

33-44 Merrillville
31-34 Hammond
33-34 Crown Point
45-60 Bishop Noll
49-63 Kankakee Valley
55-46 Lowell
24-49 Morton
34-73 East Chicago Central
34-37 Whiting
47-46 Clark
45-49 Hanover Central
58-27 Calumet
26-51 Lew Wallace
49-39 Griffith
41-48 Hobart
37-33 Highland
32-71 Lake Central
60-21 Gavit

Sectionals
44-35 Highland
36-34 Griffith
80-36 Lake Central

young players put season

ON THE LINE

Using the season to rebuild, the shortest and smallest team in three years relied on young talent to take the place of the lack of second year starters.

With only one returning starter in the lineup, in Jaime Muskin, senior, younger players carried the extra weight created by the loss of experience. "Being the only second year starter, I had to take a position of leadership," Captain Jaime Muskin, senior, said. "However, it wasn't that hard being the leader because the rest of the team learned fast and played well."

The team jumped into pre-season preparation with weightlifting and running, which required complete dedication by the players and added to the team's ability to play well and win, according to Becky Ahlf, sophomore. "It was kind of a pain," Ahlf said, "but it was better than going into the season unprepared."

After starting the season off slowly, the team picked up the pace and fought their way through the regular season with an 8-10 finish. "It wasn't a winning season record wise," Amy Folta, junior, said, "but we learned to play together and really grew as a team."

At the close of the regular season, the team rolled into the Sectional Finals by defeating conference rivals Highland and Griffith. "It was great to make it to the final," Sara Blacke, junior, said. "Especially since our team was made up of mostly younger players."

Meeting powerhouse Lake Central in the final dropped the team's record to 10-11 and brought the season to an end.

Waiting for their chance to move up to varsity play, the Junior Varsity and Freshman teams spent the season working on fundamentals and gaining experience. The season ended successfully from the standpoint of learning, according to Kelly Pfister, sophomore. "The non-varsity players were just trying to get ready for varsity play and I think we accomplished that goal," Pfister said.

With experience on their opponents' side, the Varsity Girls' Basketball Team battled their way to an appearance in the Sectional Final and to a third place finish in their first season in the new Lake 10 Conference.

ALL CAUGHT UP
Surrounded by her Calumet opponents, Co-captain Jamie Muskin, senior, looks for a way out of the corner as Jackie Nebelsiek, junior, tries to help out. As the only second year varsity starter, Muskin led the team to the Sectional Finals.

ON THE WAY
Initiating the play, Sara Blacke, junior, inbounds the ball to a waiting teammate in the middle of the court. This victory raised team confidence and led to a three game winning streak.

"The season was really fun. It didn't end the way we wanted which was with a Sectional win. For the most part, the relationship between the guys really grew."
Harry Kunelis
senior

BOYS' BASKETBALL

VARSITY

34-50 Portage
49-68 Merrillville
65-47 Clark
53-52 Highland
34-36 Hammond
61-73 Chesterton
69-75 Crown Point
75-48 Griffith
60-81 T.F. South
68-42 Lake Station
68-64 Lake Central
76-52 Gavit
58-77 Crown Point
56-64 Calumet
46-41 Lowell
74-41 Morton
63-49 Whiting
72-65 Griffith
37-38 Bishop Noll
51-62 Hobart

Sectionals
63-67 Calumet

10-11

FOOTNOTES

SKY HIGH

With two points on his mind, Harry Kunelis, senior, flies through the lane and lays it up. As a second year starter, Kunelis became one of the team's mainstays on both offense and defense.

TOSS UP

As the referee initiates the opening tip-off, Jason Mikolanis, junior, prepares to direct the ball to his waiting teammates. Mikolanis became a high scorer for the team and was named to the All-Conference Team.

COOL OFF

Taking advantage of a timeout, Co-captain Jeff Bagull, senior, energizes himself with a quick drink of water while Coach Dave Knish, Westlake teacher, goes over the game plan with the team. The team went on to grab second place in the Lake 10 Conference.

high scorers give team a

LIFT OFF

As the two opposing centers prepared for the opening tip-off, they stretched their arms up as high as possible, while the game clock begans to run, officially starting the season.

For the basketball team, the season actually started during the summer. Players took shots and practiced the fundamentals for hours on their own time during the off-season.

"Since basketball was just a game and we all loved playing," Rich Mendoza, junior, said, "practicing during the summer wasn't bad at all. Plus it helped us get ready for the season."

Led by junior standout, Milosh Pujo, who received pre-season All-Area honors from the *Times*, the team avenged two opening losses with a modest winning streak, handing a loss to Clark and coming from behind for a last minute victory over Highland. The streak quickly came to an end at two, followed by three consecutive losses, sending the team into a season-long battle with the .500 mark.

"We knew that we were a good team, but early in the year we just couldn't reach the .500 mark and stay there," Harry Kunelis, senior, said. "We definitely didn't start off playing to our full potential."

As the focus of the team's offense early in the season, Pujo averaged 18.3 points per game. However, the huge win over Griffith spelled the end of his start as he went out with a season-ending back injury.

"I was angry when I hurt my back," Pujo said. "It was really hard to have to sit and watch the second half of the season from the bench."

Coming into a mid-season matchup with Lake Station, the team's record stood only at 3-6. Beating Lake Station in impressive fashion turned the season around, according to Dan Zabrecky, sophomore. "That was a great win for us," Zabrecky said. "It really boosted our confidence and proved to be the turning point in our season."

With their dominant force out for the season, the rest of the team picked up their play and won seven out of their next nine games. "From the Lake Station game on, we played great," Brian Rucinski, junior, said. "After Pujo went

DOWN LOW In search of an opening, Jason Mikolanis, junior, battles with his Chesterton counterpart during a home game. Mikolanis helped the team roll to a 7-5 record in the second half of the season.

VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL: (front row) Matt Bochnowski, Jeff Bagull, Chris Tomeo, Kevin Adley. (second row) Coach Dave Knish, Assistant Coach Jim Davidson, Brian Rucinski, Milosh Pujo, Jason Mikolanis, DJ Steinberg, Assistant Coach Ross Haller, Manager Brian Kreiger. (back row) Rich Mendoza, Rodney Bosnich, Harry Kunelis, Dan Zabrecky.

LIFT OFF *continued*

score 20 or 25 points every game. The scoring became more spread out as we played without him (Pujo), and we started winning again."

The team's hot streak brought them to their final two games before Sectionals. The regular season ended with two disappointing losses, including a one point loss to Bishop Noll, who trailed the entire game until the final minute. A victory in that game would have insured the team a winning season, but instead led them to Sectionals with a 10-10 record.

While the varsity team headed into another Sectional competition, the junior varsity and freshman teams wrapped up their seasons. Both teams finished after struggling their ways through tough seasons with great enthusiasm. "We played well and also had fun along the way," John Folta, freshman, said, "and that's what was really important."

The varsity team's first round Sectional matchup against Calumet ended in defeat. This time, the game lasted through two overtime periods before the team's opponent finally pulled away to an eventual four point victory. This loss gave the team their third straight loss and an early exit from Sectionals. "We knew that the game wasn't going to be easy because Calumet was a tough draw," Jeff Bagull, senior said. "Despite this, we still went into that game expecting to win."

Regardless of being eliminated from the tournament before expected, the team did place second in the Lake 10 Conference and many goals and expectations were reached in this season of highs and lows.

IN THE CLEAR
After picking off his Gavit opponent's pass, Co-captain Chris Tomeo, senior, leads a fast break. As a captain, Tomeo helped to lead the team to many tough defensive performances as well as offensive opportunities.

PERFECT FOCUS
With every bit of concentration, Milosh Pujo, junior, attempts a free throw. Pujo averaged over 18 points per game before being injured.

ON THE RUN
At the end of a fast break, Rich Mendoza, junior, drives the lane before putting up his shot. Mendoza often played as the Varsity Team's sixth man.

BATTLE ON THE BOARDS

Inches over his opponent, Brian Rucinski, junior, wins the fight for the rebound. Rucinski added an average of 7.2 points per game.

JV BASKETBALL: (front row) Dave Alonzo, David Rueth, Chris Bielfeldt, Andy Miller. (second row) Rob Szypczak, Tony Tabion, Coach Jim Davidson, Chris Garcia, John Rybicki.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL: (front row) Brian Christiansen, Omar Sherift, John Wasem, Joe Mroz, Joe Reidelbach, Andy Stemer, Phil Comer. (second row) Andy Byczko, Asst. Coach Greg Schwartz, Nick DeRosa, Rich Miller, John Folta, Neil Wallace, Mike Harbison, Coach Lindsay Simmons. (back row) Curt Bendis, Dave Rybicki, Lonnie Carrizales, Andrew Trgovich, Kyle Dempsy, Scott Crepeau.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

JUNIOR VARSITY

30-47 Portage
34-46 Merrillville
38-37 Clark
37-49 Highland
41-47 Hammond
38-45 Crown Point
38-34 Griffith
43-44 Chesterton
48-54 TF South
56-19 Lake Station
41-67 Lake Central
41-38 Gavit
30-50 Crown Point
57-48 Calumet
28-35 Lowell
37-40 Morton
33-32 Whiting
42-37 Griffith
27-40 Bishop Noll

7-12

FRESHMAN A

42-40 Merrillville
51-56 Bishop Noll
53-28 Clark
36-41 Highland
35-36 Lowell
36-41 Hammond
32-62 Crown Point
50-41 Hobart
47-48 Portage
53-38 TF South
46-32 Gavit
42-59 Lake Central
64-53 Andrean
54-40 Morton
31-38 East Chicago
31-38 Highland
41-39 Lake Central
62-30 Calumet
47-42 Griffith

10-9

FRESHMAN B

38-48 Merrillville
49-28 Bishop Noll
41-13 Highland
41-35 Lowell
54-43 Crown Point
51-43 Hobart
41-44 Portage
34-46 TF South
40-35 Gavit
37-43 Lake Central
37-56 Andrean
33-73 East Chicago
67-29 Griffith

7-6

FOOTNOTES

"We didn't have time for fun because we were always running and working hard to improve ourselves."
Edgar Moore
sophomore

WRESTLING

31-34 Morton
42-24 Gavit
69-0 Whiting
63-5 Bishop Noll
23-39 Clark
21-46 Lake Central
26-34 Calumet
21-39 Highland
26-24 Griffith

Lake Central Harvest Classic Meet
6th Place
Calumet Invitational
8th Place
Lowell Invitational
21-43 Griffith
66-10 Lew Wallace
17-41 Kankakee Valley
21-54 Lowell
Lake 10 Conference
6th Place
Sectionals
3rd Place

4-5 Six Regional qualifiers

FOOTNOTES

WRESTLING TEAM: (front row) Joe Skurka, George Voukidis, John Szypczak, Shawn Higgins, Dan Zimmerman. (second row) Nathan Burg, Ryan Boilek, Rob Kopenec, Edgar Moore, Kevin Hunt, John Ramirez . (third row) Manager Mark Sampias, Steve Nairn, Al Song, Mark Meyers, Steve Zimmerman, Jeremie Brackett, Mike Stroupe, Coach Kent Lewis. (back row) Steve Bonnar, CJ Compton, Matt Knoepke, Rob Long

TAKE A STAND
During the Morton meet, Coach Kent Lewis, sales and marketing teacher, urges Rob Long, senior, to escape the pin. After three years of assistant coaching, Coach Lewis replaced Coach Charles Emlund as head coach.

long practices force wrestlers to go for a

TAKE DOWN

With two grueling hours of running and drills, the wrestlers drudged through practice on the road to Sectionals.

As Coach Kent Lewis, sales and marketing teacher, took over as head coach, the team strived to attain their goals.

"We hoped we could finish in the middle of the conference standing," Coach Lewis said.

With Calumet placing first in the Lake 10 conference meet and Lake Central placing fifth at Semi-State, the competition stiffened.

"Calumet and Lake Central were our toughest competition because they always have good coaching," Edgar Moore, sophomore, said. "And they are strong in all weight classes."

After the team took third at the Highland Sectional, CJ Compton and Mark Meyers, seniors, and Rob Kopenec, sophomore, each earned Sectional titles.

"We didn't do as well as we expected," Meyers said. "As a team we didn't wrestle up to our capabilities."

At Regional competition, Compton alone advanced to Semi-State by placing second.

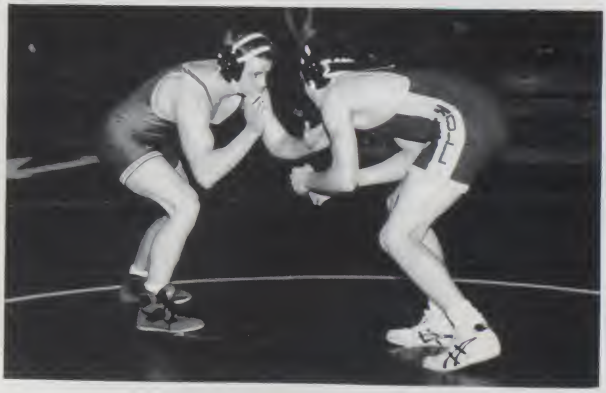
"Our weakness was that when we lost it was because of pins which gave the other team more points," Rob Kopenec, sophomore, said.

At Semi-State, Rochester's Damen Hummel, last year's state runner-up, pinned Compton in the second round of competition, leaving him as an alternate for the State competition.

"I thought I had a real bad draw," Compton said. "I was disappointed that I didn't get to wrestle at State."

Finishing sixth in the Lake 10 conference, the wrestling team trained hard, putting in long hours for their competitive season. Ending with a 4-5 record, the team experienced some disappointment in their performance, but was also rewarded by hard work and a group effort.

GOING FOR THE PIN
After taking down his opponent from Morton, Edgar Moore, sophomore, makes an attempt to pin him. Moore placed second at the Highland Sectional to advance to Regionals at Calumet High School where he eventually suffered a defeat.



FACE-OFF
Before the whistle blows, Steve Nairn, senior, and his Bishop Noll opponent confront each other head-to-head. No matter how nervous they felt, wrestlers had to stay focused during their meet or face the risk of being defeated.

SLIDE SHOW

Three returning seniors contribute to team wins

With the bases loaded, the batter stepped up to the plate and took a practice swing. She focused on the pitcher's wind up and prepared for the oncoming pitch.

Unexpected strengths helped lead the Varsity Softball Team through the season. "At the beginning of the season, we thought our strengths would have been in fielding and pitching," Coach Dennis Spangler, middle school teacher, said. "But instead, our hitting was the best."

During the season the team maintained a 10-5 record. "Against the tougher teams, we performed well, but we fell behind against some of the weaker ones," Jaime Muskin, senior, said.

State-ranked Lake Central added to the pressure of competition, according to Liz Spangler, sophomore. The Indians defeated the team twice by one point, 6-5 and 2-1 respectively.

"We held on until the last inning," Spangler said. "Then Lake Central rallied and won because of our errors."

Long-time friends on the team made the season memorable for some players. "Some of my best friends were on the team," Jackie Nebelsiek, junior, said. "I had been playing with them since I was eight. I grew up with them and they were always there."

Even with all the good memories of the season, occasionally a feeling of disappointment occured. "We were up 1-0, and they (Lake Central) were up to bat," Co-captain Chrisi Mead, said. "Watching the girl cross the plate and score was really disappointing."

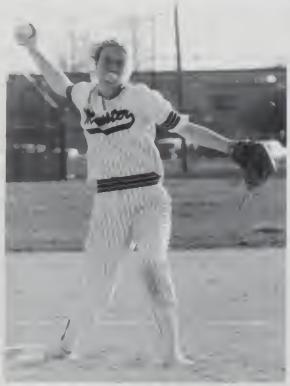
Players kept good luck charms handy to help them stay focused on the game. "I had a pair of socks with Mickey Mouse playing softball on them," Jen White, junior, said. "I wore them to every game for good luck."

As the ball came hurling at her, the batter shut her eyes and swung. The bat cracked and the ball soared into left field where it landed, allowing her teammates on base to make it home safely.

JV SOFTBALL: (front row) Katie Moser, Cassie Pence, Jill Waxman, Jill Savage. (second row) Lisa McKinley, Heidi Stout, Barb Vaught, Jenny Speziale, Melissa Bartok. (last row) Sara Stennis, Danielle Jayjack, Sharon Spicer, Jocelyn Vanderhoek, Karen Blackstone, Coach Jodi Dykstra.

VARSITY SOFTBALL: (front row) Coach Dennis Spangler. (second row) Jaime Muskin, Amy Czapla, Jen White, Jackie Nebelsiek. (third row) Chrisi Mead, Jill Heany, Liz Spangler, Shannon Hamel, Therese Keslin. (last row) Nikki Bartok, Colette Keslin.

COMIN' AT YA
In an effort to get the batter out, Co-captain Amy Czapla, senior, prepares to catch the fly ball. Playing first base, Czapla made Honorable Mention All-Conference.



SAFETY MEASURE
During the game against Morton, Shannon Hamel, junior, slides safely into third base. The team was defeated, though, by the Lady Governors 4-1.

WIND UP
While blowing a bubble with her gum, Co-captain Jaime Muskin, senior, winds up for the pitch. Her skills in softball, basketball and volleyball contributed to Muskin's being named All Lake 10 Conference Athlete of the year.

"It was my senior year, so everything was special. Our juniors did a lot for us. It felt good to be appreciated."
Chrisi Mead
senior

SOFTBALL

6-0 TF South
23-0 East Chicago
4-1 Highland
4-7 Bishop Noll
4-2 Lowell
15-0 Gavit
4-0 Highland
4-2 Boone Grove
16-0 Hammond High*
14-0 Clark* Whiting*
11-0 Calumet*
5-6 Lake Central
3-4 Griffith
1-3 Andrean
13-5 Hanover Central
1-2 Lake Central
1-4 Morton

7-11*

*4 games forfeited due to inelligible player.

Two earn First Team All Conference

JUNIOR VARSITY

12-6 T.F. South
7-21 Highland
2-1 Bishop Noll
10-7 Merrillville
8-12 Lowell
9-10 Highland
6-8 Morton
9-13 Lowell
0-10 Lake Central
12-17 Morton
15-10 Wheeler
1-4 Andrean
24-0 Calumet

5-8

FOOTNOTES

"Our record didn't reflect the amount of talent that was really on the team. If it wasn't for the little mistakes we made, we wouldn't have lost as many games."
Bob Gonzales
senior

BASEBALL

11-0 Portage
5-12 Bishop Noll
7-1 Morton
6-2 Calumet
4-5 Gavit
7-0 Whiting
11-0 Highland
19-1 Griffith
12-8 Clark
6-3 Hammond High
3-7 Morton
9-2 Bishop Noll
10-0 River Forest
10-0 Calumet
0-2 Gavit
10-0 Whiting
8-1 Highland
0-1 Griffith
6-3 Highland
17-0 Horace Mann
2-8 Chesterton
7-4 Hobart

Crown Point Classic
18-8 West Side
4-5 Crown Point
Mustang Classic
4-3 Clark
3-2 Hammond

Conference Champs

FOOTNOTES

ON THE WAY
With his curveball on the way to the plate, Chris Fortin, senior, anticipates strike three. As part of the starting rotation Fortin picked up six wins on the season.

READY TO FIRE
Aimed towards second base, CJ Compton, senior, gets ready to catch the runner too far off the bag. Compton's strong arm and accuracy held the opposition's runners at bay.

CLOSE CALL

Big hits lead to Conference Championship

As the pitcher went into his full-count delivery, the runners at first and second base took off. Down by one in the bottom of the seventh inning, a base hit would capture a victory for the Boys' Baseball Team.

Hoping that experience would take their side, the nine returning varsity players and the rest of the Boys' Baseball Team set their minds on achieving their full potential. "Coming into the season we were a pretty solid group of ballplayers," Chris Fortin, senior, said. "We were confident that if everything came together, our season would end up in success."

To the team, the freezing cold weather of the pre-season meant brushing up on fundamentals during indoor practices. As the weather improved, after-school practices moved outside, but the team continued meeting at 6:30 a.m. in the fieldhouse for a pre-school workout. "Even though nobody liked waking up that early to make it to practice," Jeff Dumakowski, junior, said, "it was invaluable time that we needed before we started playing."

Still trying to work out all of the kinks, the team began the season a little quicker than anticipated. "Everything wasn't running perfectly smooth yet," Co-captain Steve Holka, senior, said, "but we got off to a great start and that helped a lot."

Overcoming their few difficulties, the team played their way to an early seven game winning streak, thrusting them far beyond the .500 mark, where their record would stay for the remainder of the season.

Consistency throughout the lineup led to the team's success, according to B.J. Palmer, junior. "The offense was great from most of the team," Palmer said. "It was the perfect mixture of consistent hitting, power and speed."

The power at the plate was highlighted by a 19-1 defeat over Griffith. Co-captain Bob Gonzales, senior, led the assault with 2 home runs and helped break a team record, as they piled on 17 runs in one inning. "It was just an incredible offensive showing by the entire

IN THERE
Beating the throw, Ryan Kutansky, senior, slides into home safely, just past the diving catcher. Kutansky's consistent hitting added up to a lot of run production by the rest of the lineup.

VARSITY: (front row) Josh VanVessen, Troy Smith, Chris Fortin, Greg Maurer, BJ Palmer. (second row) Bob Gonzales, Ryan Kutansky, Jeff Dumakowski, Joe Mitchener, Doug Miller, Richie Stella, Josh Dorka. (back row) Coach Steve Tripenfeldas, John Rybicki, Jeff O'Connor, Jason Mikolanus, CJ Compton, Steve Holka, Coach Tom Largus, Coach Bob Shinkan.

ON YOUR TOES
Moving off first base with the delivery, Co-captain Steve Holka, senior, gets into position to make the play. A three year varsity player, Holka provided experience and support as well as leadership to the entire team.

JUNIOR VARSITY

9-8 Portage
4-5 Morton
5-2 Calumet
2-3 Gavit
7-5 Highland
7-4 Griffith
2-3 Clark
18-2 Hammond
13-3 Bishop Noll
5-3 Calumet
3-1 Gavit
2-3 Highland
10-7 Crown Point
3-9 Crown Point
6-1 Griffith
15-0 Clark
19-3 Hammond
4-3 Valparaiso

13-5

FRESHMAN

11-0 Lowell
11-2 Lowell
6-3 Gavit
11-3 Crown Point
15-7 Crown Point
5-0 Andrean
3-2 Highland
14-8 Portage
13-15 Portage
10-5 Griffith
22-11 East Chicago
3-3 Lake Central
13-4 Bishop Noll
8-4 Griffith
14-9 Lake Central

13-1-1

FOOTNOTES

SWING AWAY
About to make contact with the ball, Jeff Dumakowski, junior, extends his bat towards the pitch. Starting at third base, Dumakowski, along with his team members, learned to divide their practice time between offensive and defensive work.

MOUND MEETING
To show their appreciation for a fellow team member, seniors Bob Gonzales and Doug Miller, and junior Jeff Dumakowski congratulate Jeff O'Connor, junior, on another victory. O'Connor and Chris Fortin, senior, combined for 14 of the team's wins.

CLOSE CALL *continued*

team," Gonzales said. "Whenever the other team's pitchers weren't walking a guy, we were crushing the ball all over the field."

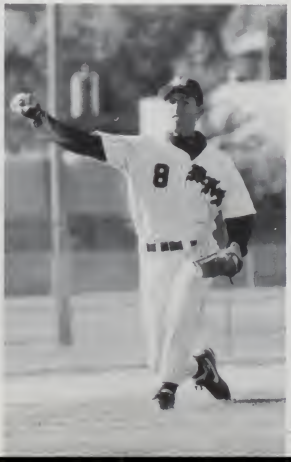
Even with their thoughts focused on good hitting, the team did not lack other strong points. Led by Fortin and Jeff O'Connor, junior, who both went through the season with earned run averages under 2.00, solid pitching and defense helped to secure several shut-outs during the season. "Our pitchers did a great job in some situations where it was really needed," O'Connor said. "It was great to contribute from both the mound and the batter's box."

Combined with a Bishop Noll loss, senior co-captain Doug Miller's bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the 11th inning against Hammond High gave the team the title of Conference Co-Champions and prepared the sixth-ranked team for the expected battle at Sectionals, according to Coach Bob Shinkan, math teacher. "We had played some tough games throughout the year and were confident that if we played with our heads, no team would get in our way."

Keeping the same positive approach and attitude as the varsity players, the junior varsity and freshman teams both went through their perspective seasons with winning records, positive attitudes and improved play from various aspects of the game.

Driving the pitcher's fastball into deep left field, the batter threw his arms up and began trotting to first base. As the ball sailed over the fence, he knew that he had continued the winning tradition of the Boys' Baseball Team.

LEAD-OFF
With full concentration, Jeff O'Connor, junior, keeps his weight towards first base while awaiting the Clark pitcher's delivery. O'Connor ended up knocking out four regular season home runs, contributing to the team's winning record.



QUICK THROW
In a hurry to beat the runner, Co-captain Bob Gonzales, senior, attempts to get the ball to first base as quickly as possible. As a senior leader, Gonzales showed support both on and off the field.

JUNIOR VARSITY/FRESHMAN: (front row) Ed Bukowski, Mike Patelis, Travis McMahen, Kevin Johnson, Joe Mroz, Steve Zimmerman. (second row) Brian Christiansen, Dave Rybicki, Kyle Dempsy, Mike Morgan, Todd Compton, Scott Crepeau. (back row) Coach Jim Davidson, Nick Zubay, Nick DeRosa, Dan Zabrecky, Chris Bielfeldt, Rob Szypczak, Andy Turkavich.

Undefeated season swings team to State Runner-Up

HOT SHOTS

Shuffling back and forth at the base line, the confident tennis player eyes her opponent's weaknesses. Moving up for an approach shot, she makes her way to the net and puts the ball away for a winner.

Easy points helped the team defeat a previous stumbling block at Semi-State. Revenge took its course after the team avenged South Bend St. Joseph, 5-0, in the finals.

"The win against St. Joe really boosted our spirits," Amy Bohling, junior, said. "We were looking forward in getting another chance to get even, and we did."

Riding on momentum, the road to the Final Four proved "nothing short of glorious," according to Co-captain Annie Rawling, senior. With a 4-1 victory over fifth ranked Homestead, the team relied on adrenaline and enthusiasm to overcome the intense heat as they nearly pulled off an upset over the defending State Champion Evansville Memorial.

Beginning their streak of undefeated matches, the Girls' Tennis Team earned a preseason ranking of third in the state and headed into the post-season on an upbeat note with the 5-0 win against LaPorte.

"Compared to the regular season, LaPorte was our best competition," Jacqui Costanza, sophomore, said. "The match prepared us for the level of play we were headed towards."

Hosting the Sectional and Regional Championships, the Girls' Tennis Team had high hopes to return to Semi-State and grasp the State Championship. As the Lake 10 Conference Champions, the team continued on its challenge toward the top.

"We had to have a lot of team spirit and worked as a team to reach the goal we were striving for," Kelli Hayes, freshman, said.

Competing for individual spots, the team encountered internal turmoil. As rivalry heated up, players fought for their place on the team, even if it meant defeating a friend.

"When they were out on the courts, they realized that friendships couldn't stand between what they were after," Coach Dave Knish, special education teacher, said.

Needing stronger doubles players and more experienced strategies, they relied on the upperclassmen to take that responsibility, according to co-captain, Shoshana Gordon, senior.

"Having the same doubles partner for two years helped me go on the court with confidence and memories of past achievements," Gordon said.

Ending their season successfully with the record of 14-2, the Junior Varsity players strived to better their skills and attain achievement. The JV team also participated in Varsity matches when possible.

After grueling hours of competition, the state runner- up packed up their memories and accomplishments as the season-long drive for victory finally came to an end.

DOUBLE TROUBLE Trying to put away her approach shot, Amy Bohling, junior, jokes around with Co-captain Annie Rawling, senior, during pre-match warm-ups. Players often loosened each other up whenever time permitted as they tried to get psyched and mentally ready before their opponents arrived.

CARRYING IT ALL

As her father, Norman Gordon, looks on, Co-captain Shoshana Gordon, senior, accepts her trophies after capturing the Runner-Up Crown. After waiting for the outcome of the last doubles match, the team accepted their second place trophies with mixed feelings of accomplishment and disappointment at their first-ever State appearance.

SKY HIGH

Heading towards the fence, Kelli Hayes, freshman, maneuvers herself around the deeply hit ball. Ranked nationally and undefeated through State competition, Hayes also qualified individually for the State singles tournament.

GIRLS' TENNIS: (front row) Marcela Perez, Kavita Chowdary, Jenny Daugherty, Judy Sun, Annie Rawlings, Minna Koh, Kristin Johnson. (second row) Jacqui Costanza, Amy Bohling, Shoshana Gordon, Meghan Bacino, Sarika Rastogi, Sunah Kim, Jamie Schatz, Kelli Hayes. (third row) Tejal Shah, Elizabeth Paik, Shivroup Grewal, Michelle Torreano, Eileen Mapalad, Katie Daugherty, Anna Pamintuan, Holly Baran, Heather Moses. (back row) Lynn Hirsch, Kelly Nixon, Erin Orth, Kelly Shaver, Dina Ranieri, Allison Duesing, Coach Dave Knish.

"Teamwork is an essential part of success. It's something that is earned not only from team bonding, but also from respect for each other. That's something our team had a lot of."

Kavita Chowdary, sophomore

GIRLS' TENNIS

5-0 Crown Point
5-0 Portage
5-0 South Bend St. Joseph
4-1 McCutcheon
5-0 Hammond High
5-0 Valparaiso
5-0 Bishop Noll
5-0 Plymouth
5-0 Highland
5-0 Calument
5-0 Griffith
5-0 Gavit
5-0 Clark
5-0 Morton
5-0 LaPorte

Munster Invitational
5-0 Lake Central

Sectionals
5-0 Morton
5-0 Bishop Noll

Regionals
5-0 Highland
5-0 Griffith

Semi-State
5-0 Goshen
5-0 South Bend St. Joseph

State Tournament
4-1 Homestead
2-3 Evansville Memorial

23-1
Conference Champs
State Runners-Up

FOOTNOTES

"Before every half, Coach led us in a chant. Everyone just started screaming because we couldn't understand what he was saying."

Bob Hurley
senior

BOYS' SOCCER

VARSITY

2-1 Merrillville
0-4 South Bend Adams
3-1 Bishop Noll
11-0 Whiting
3-5 Crown Point
7-1 Clark
1-0 Highland
4-0 Hammond High
2-1 Valparaiso
4-3 Griffith
2-1 Chesterton
1-0 Morton
2-4 Lake Central
3-3 Portage
7-0 Gavit

Sectionals

7-0 Gavit
0-2 Highland

11-3-1
Lake 10 Champs

JUNIOR VARSITY

1-0 Merrillville
2-1 South Bend Adams
3-0 Bishop Noll
0-1 Crown Point
4-0 Highland
1-1 Valparaiso
4-1 Hammond High
5-0 Griffith
0-1 Lake Central
2-0 Chesterton
1-1 Portage
6-0 Gavit

Mustang Invitational East-West

4-0 Bishop Noll
5-0 Highland
1-0 Crown Point

Lake 10 JV Tourney

4-0 Bishop Noll
3-0 Griffith

13-2-2

FOOTNOTES

UP HIGH

In order to show his support for the Bootmen, Jon Caddick gives Grady Willis a high five. Jon and his brother Josh helped the team by running after balls kicked off the field.

IN CONTROL

Setting up his teammate, Brendan Ellis, senior, prepares to make a move toward the goal. Faking out defenders helped Ellis score a record setting 28 goals for the season.

FANCY FEET

In an attempt to avoid the competition, Mike Weichman, freshman, jukes his opponent to get into the open field. Although 11 seniors contributed experience, skilled underclassmen also added talent to the roster.

Unexpected loss ends hopeful season early

SIDE KICK

Slyly slipping past a defender, the forward sneaks into position in front of the goal. The ball comes racing towards him, and he lunges forward to redirect the ball into the net.

Such goals helped the Bootmen achieve a winning season. "I thought if we could get confidence early, we would be able to stay on track," Brad Caddick, senior, said.

The team's test of confidence came in their second game against Portage. "We really gave them a good run," Jerry Cabrera, soccer coach, said. "We really could've won, but we tied, which was still pretty impressive."

Also helping the team, impressive crowds provided a motivational boost for the Bootmen. Soccer usually suffered from small crowds, but this season proved different.

"We had a larger following than we did in the past," Chris Jagadich, junior, said. "It helped to see the super fan Matt Mybeck (senior) screaming in support of us every night."

Sharing many highlights, the junior varsity team showed that they had what it took to win. Scoring 42 goals while allowing only 5 against them all year, they dominated their opponents.

"Our best game was when we beat Crown Point because they were our rivals and were undefeated at the time," Jim Whiteley, junior, said.

The varsity team could not, however, completely avoid disappointments. "We were upset after we should have had Griffith finished when we led 4-0, but let them back in by giving up 3 goals," Mike Weichman, freshman, said.

As the team finished its regular season, they accomplished their goal of winning the first Lake 10 Conference title. "From the beginning of the year, we knew that we could win our Conference title," DJ Steinberg, sophomore, said, "We were not surprised when we won."

One obstacle that the team faced, motivation, developed into a problem as the season began to unfold. Players began skipping practice which led to a breakdown of team unity, according to Pete Ronco, senior. "We didn't play together as well as we should have because not enough people came to practice."

Such a lack of unity handicapped the team in Sectionals. They blew by Gavit in the first round, but the Bootmen ran into trouble with Highland. "We played to our competition's level," Tom Keslin, senior, said. "We just didn't play Highland at our level."

With seconds left on the clock, the Bootmen defender jumps in front of the ball to block it from scoring, but his efforts fail to save the game-wining goal from entering the net.

ON THE BALL
In a wild scurry for the ball, players rush to gain control. DJ Steinberg, sophomore, took the W ball, but his efforts could not prevent the Bootmen from losing to South Bend Adams 4-0.

HIT OR MISS
To ensure a perfectly aimed pass on the corner kick, Pete Ronco, senior, keeps his eyes on the ball. A four year varsity player, Ronco provided the team with leadership and experience.

SOCCER: (front row) Fernando Urzua, Albert Song, Mike Weichman, Kurt Tarandi, Steven Johnson, Brad Hoge. (second row) Grady Willis, Harry Kunelis, Todd Stalmack, Peter Ronco, Mike Fekete, Bob Hurley, Brad Caddick, Tom Keslin, Deepak Patil. (third row) Kevin Ferguson, Patty Hemingway, Chris Kounelis, Tim Wiatrowski, Jim Basil, Evan Greenbaum, Aaron Preslin, Jim Whiteley, Linda Regeski, Coach Cabrera. (back row) Jim Fekete, Ravi Patel, Dave Rueth, DJ Steinberg, Brendan Ellis, Rich Miller, Keith Thomas, Slobo Popovich, Tim Piniak, Chris Jagadich.

LONG HAUL

Track Team qualifies four for Regionals

After the third and final call for her event, the runner stepped onto the track and took her place in the blocks. Listening to the starter's instructions, she leaned into position and waited for the gun.

With sprinters running ladders and distance runners doing five to six miles at practice, the Girls' Track Team steadily improved as the season progressed, according to Coach Dirk Sloan, middle school teacher. "Individually we saw a lot of improvement especially with our our younger girls," Coach Sloan said.

Ending their season with a 5-2 reocd, the toughest competition of the season came from Lew Wallace, according to Katie Stassen, junior. "They were strong in all events," Stassen said. "We don't have that kind of consistency."

At the Calumet Sectional, the team finished sixth as Co-captain Michelle Crepeau placed first in the long jump. "Because it was my senior year, I was excited, because I had never been a Sectional Champion," Crepeau said.

Often lacking a coach at the start of practice, the track team initiated "fun runs" to keep practice interesting. "We did all sorts of stuff to have fun during practice," Kristiana Neff, sophomore, said. "We ran all over the school including the boys' locker room."

"No depth, no girls, and no order" posed the biggest problem of the season, according to Co-captain Jen Szypczak, senior. "We didn't really care about competing, we were just interested in having fun and caring about ourselves."

After meets the team gathered at the Commander Restaurant to continue their bonding at dinner. "Going out after the meets was my favorite part of the whole season," Lia Carlos, freshman, said. "It gave us a chance to get to know each other better."

After the shot of the gun, the runner exploded from the block and sprinted down the lane. Keeping a step ahead of her opponents, she crossed the finish line and breathed deeply to catch her breath before her next event.

AROUND THE BEND
During the 200 meter dash, Sara Blacke, junior, sprints around the first curve of the race. At the end of the season, Blacke accomplished her goal of 29.3 seconds and qualified for Regionals in the 400 meter relay.

FINAL STRETCH
With the end of the of the race near, Co-captain Jen Szypczak, senior, and Lisa Tabion, freshman, push themselves to pick up the pace. During the final stretch of the race, the runners concentrated on their form in order to ensure themselves a strong finish.

LEAP OF FAITH

To help increase the length of her jump, Co-captain Michelle Crepeau uses her arms to push herself forward. Crepeau finished first in the long jump at Sectionals, becoming the team's first Sectional Champion in seven years.

UP AND OVER

While running the 300 meter hurdles, Laura Andreshak, senior, takes her final step before jumping the hurdle. With a best time of 54.3 seconds, Andreshak was one of two runners who achieved four goals during the season.

GIRLS' TRACK: (front row) Chrissy Lee, Meghan Safko, Rita Schmid, Lia Carlos, Jen Pleitner, Corrie Watterson. (second row) Michelle Clark, Angela Sherman, Kristiana Neff, Katie Stassen, Sara Blacke, Meghan Woodrick, Laura Andreshak, Jessica Jagadich. (third row) Coach Rita Camire, Coach Vicky Brown, Stacy Nishimura, Olivia Topete, Julie Jacob, Denice Hough, Marlene Coyne, Katie Bona. (last row) Meghann Corcoran, Shipra Chandnani, Michaela Dupkanic, Kelly Florek, Lisa Tabion, Coach Dirk Sloan.

"The one thing I learned this season was that it only matters how you feel, not winning."
Kristiana Neff
sophomore

GIRLS' TRACK

75-43	East Chicago
65-32-53	Gavit
	Morton
53-21-73.5	Gavit
	Bishop
	Noll
37-9-104	Calumet
	Highland

Highland Invitational
8th Place
Calumet Invitational
5th Place
Lake 10 Conference
4th Place
Lake 10 Frosh/Soph Meet
3rd Place
Sectionals
6th Place

Michelle Crepeau wins Sectionals
5-2

FOOTNOTES

"We were a very young team with not a lot of experience. Our veterans came through, but this was a rebuilding year."

Coach Ed Woodrick

BOYS' TRACK

46-50-62
Morton
Griffith
60-63-34
Bishop Noll
Gavit
46-51-57
Highland
Calumet

Andrean Relays
4th Place
Calumet Invitational
4th Place
Lake 10 Conference
5th Place
Lake 10 Frosh/Soph
1st Place
Sectionals
5th Place

Joe Furdek wins Conference and Sectioals 1-5

FOOTNOTES

IN THE LEAD
As he approaches the final stretch of his 1600 meter race, Ron Magliola, senior, gathers enough energy to capture first place. One of three regional qualifiers, Magliola consistently ran his races with success.

FINAL SURGE
With the finish line closing in, John-P'aul Nowak, sophomore, strives to pass his Griffith opponent. Despite his effort, the team ended up losing 46-62 in the meet against Griffith.

IN THE CLEAR

Young team uses season to gain experience, talent

Approaching the end of the eighth lap in the 3200 meter race, the runner looked up and saw the back of his opponent. He put his head down and gathered an extra boost of energy for the home stretch.

For members of the track team, the season began in mid-February, with after-school practices. Although sometimes tedious, the practices helped prepare the young team for the season. "At first, practice just seemed to be a waste of time," Dave Ortman, junior, said, "but some of us needed it to get back in shape and to get ready for our events."

With only six returning seniors and no captain, the team had to rely on everyone for leadership and guidance. "We didn't have a captain, so all of the guys were kind of like captains," Jeremy Piniak, freshman, said. "They all helped out and kept us in line."

Trying to run around the problem of a lack of experience, the Boys' Track Team started off struggling and never gained enough speed to break through the pack.

Although highlighted by junior Joe Furdek's Conference Championship, the team did not achieve a winning record. "We had a tough season all the way around," Furdek said, "but even though everyone wasn't winning we still had a lot of fun."

The crowning achievement of the teammates participating in field events occured when Jason Brooks, junior, cleared 9'6" in the pole vault. "It was great seeing him get over that," Coach Ed Woodrick, said. "He was our first vaulter in five years to clear any height."

Although the track team did not post a winning season record-wise, nothing crossed their minds other than success. "We knew coming into the season that it would be tough," Dan Tabion, senior, said. "Even though the team's record didn't look that great, we had a good time and enjoyed some individual success."

Pulling up alongside of the leader, the runner lunged forward at the last possible second, thrusting his head over the finish line in time for a first place finish.

LEAPS AND BOUNDS
In full stride, Don Carter, junior, soars over a hurdle. Carter finished just off of the pace as the team took fourth place at the Calumet Invitational.

BOYS' TRACK: (front row) Gabe Porras, Cliff Carter, John-Paul Nowak, Hill Son, Dan Blue. (second row) Coach Aaron Brown, Ron Magliola, Joe Furdek, Don Carter, Eric Slazyk, Omar Porras, Dave Ortman, Mark Gralewski, Ryan Korthauer, Coach Ed Woodrick. (third row) Coach Glen Smith, Sunil Pinnamaneni, Mike Cassidy, Jason Banazak, John Leslie, John Szypczak, Tony Tabion, Matt Knoepke, Pat Schneider, Jason Brooks. (back row) Derek Surma, Jeremy Piniak, Roger Luna, Dave Weck.

GIANT LEAP
While participating in the long jump, John Drillas, freshman, uses his body weight to thrust himself even further. Drillas filled one of 15 spots on the roster taken by freshmen.

QUICK SAVE

Mid-season turn-around spurs team to action

Heading to their first practice in the chill of mid-March, the Boys' Golf Team blasted into the swing of things as early achievement signaled season-long success.

Winning their first match against Clark, the team shot 164, the second-best nine-hole score of the year. The team's depth and determination proved beneficial, as well, as six seniors contributed experience, and a varying varsity line-up added incentive to team members vying for top spots.

"The rotating line-up gave people who were playing well the chance to play and get experience in matches," Jason Ugent, junior, said.

Failing to measure up to their Highland rivals, however, the team fell 2 strokes short of a victory, losing 176-178. The loss also served as a sign of later let-down, when the team lost sight of the Conference Championship, placing second behind Highland. "Winning the Conference Championship was always an important goal, but we just fell a little short of that," Mr. Ed Musselman, mathematics teacher, said.

A second mid-season disappointment occurred at the LaPorte Invitational, where the boys came in 19 out of 29 teams, shooting a season-high of 360 for 18 holes. "We were all angry about how poorly we shot," Dan Byrne, junior, said. "Our pride came into play and we knew that we had to start playing a lot better."

As the season pressed on, the team turned anger into accomplishment. Avenging their earlier loss to Highland, they edged out Hammond Morton by 2 and beat Highland by 4 to win the Lake 10 Conference Tournament at Wicker Park with 332. "We were more confident after winning the Conference Tournament because we weren't supposed to," Byrne said.

Success continued not only for the team, but for individual members as well. Wes Gribas, sophomore, earned First Team All-Conference honors, while Chad Bohling, senior, and Dan Byrne, junior, achieved Second Team recognition. "It was my goal all season to make First Team, but I was just as happy with Second Team," Bohling said. "After I found out, I felt like I had expectations to live up to."

In the Lake Central Lou Iaconneti Invitational at Lake Hills, the boys hoped to live up to the standards set at the earlier conference tournament. They ended up in sixth after shooting 340, but Gribas earned medalist honors for the second time that week, following his 77 at Wicker Park with a 2-over par 72 at Lake Hills. "Everything just started coming together. All the hard work paid off," Gribas said.

As the regular season headed into the final match, the Boys' Golf Team overcame anxiety associated with post-season play and focused on furthering earlier successes.

BOYS' GOLF:(front row) Neil Ambre, Kyu Park, Brent Wilson, Tim Nosich, John Wasem, Jarrod Simonetto. (second row) Jason Ugent, Dominic Marco, Aaron Dumaresq, Wes Gribas, Chad Bohling, Dan Byrne, Barry Smith. (third row) John Tennant, Phil Comer, John Wojcik, Mike Pellicciotti, Ron Ziol, Matt Mybeck, Eric Ribble, Coach Ed Musselman. (fourth row) Pete Cullen, Mike Zubay, Mark Grabski, Dave Cox, Raul Salinas, Mark Rudy.

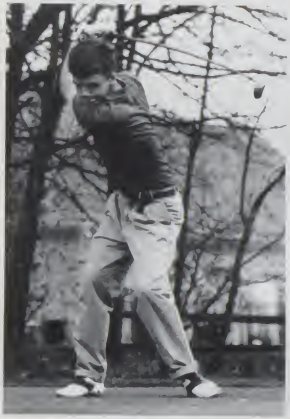
SINK IT
With an eye on his putt as it drops into the cup, Wes Gribas, sophomore, holds his concentration up until the last second. Playing in the number one position all season, Gribas received recognition as *Times* Athlete of the Week.

SAND SAVE

With a strong follow-through and solid concentration, Jason Ugent, junior, blasts his way out of the sand trap. Various difficult situations and trouble spots often required specialized shots and challenged players to use all of their skills, often making a big difference in final scores.

IN THE SWING

At the top of his backswing, Dan Byrne, junior, prepares to hit his drive on the fourth hole at Briar Ridge. Throughout the season, the boys strove to lower their scores while also working to perfect their golf swings.



ON TARGET

After missing the green by a few feet, Chad Bohling, senior, attempts to get up and down for par out of the rough. By not just spending time on the range, but also on the practice green, team members improved their short games, in turn saving strokes.

"We started going into matches expecting to win, not just expecting to score decently."
Dan Byrne, junior

BOYS' GOLF

164-260	Clark
176-178	Highland
172-176	Crown Point
167-247	Hammond High
177-203	Gavit
179-177	Andrean
174-269	Calumet
163-194	Morton
170-277	Whiting
168-198	Griffith
174-164	Chesterton
161-176	Bishop Noll
201-205	Portage
179-168	Lake Central

LaPorte Invitational
19th Place
Lake 10 Conference
1st Place
Lake Central Invitational
6th Place

FOOTNOTES

Heat it up

Before the snowy Brickie Bowl at Hobart, Jeanine Baciu, senior, makes a few hot dogs for Jason Greenbaum and Harry Kunelis, seniors. Pre-game activities added to the excitement of games as students often met early to socialize.

In your face

With her boyfriend, Bob Gonzales', number painted on her face, Heidi May, junior, cheers on the football team during the Regional championship. Students showed their support by going all out to make signs and banners or to dress in team colors.

Gimme five

Because of excitement aroused by the football team's recent touchdown, Shoshana Gordon and Mary Petrovich, seniors, give each other a high-five. As school spirit soared to new heights, fans cheered in hopes that their teams would rally to victory.

LOYAL FANS

SHOUT IT OUT

Crazed crowds and enthusiastic cheers spur on sports teams to victory with bursts of spirit and support

As the red and white bodies packed into the crowded bleachers, the roar of the screaming fans inspired athletes to increase their intensity one step higher as they reveled in their team's successful victory.

Large cheering sections and energetic fans helped to motivate athletes, urging them to perform to the best of their ability.

"When the fans started cheering it made us want to do better, and it added an adrenaline rush," Chris Marsh, junior, said.

With many students attending games for the atmosphere of the crowd, a team's success often played a major role in the number of people in attendance.

"Teams that won usually had the larger crowds," Jay Wright, freshman, said. "It's too bad that more teams didn't get a lot of support, especially the ones that needed it."

In sports that had less fan support, athletes relied on teammates and parents for an extra cheering section and added words of encouragement.

"At some wrestling meets, there weren't that many spectators," Steve Nairn, senior, said. "But our teammates gave us a lot of support, and that made a really big difference."

Even though many athletes enjoyed a large crowd of spectators and plenty of fans, other athletes preferred to perform without all the attention.

"I didn't like to have a lot of people around watching me when I played in tennis matches, because it made me nervous," Michelle Torreano, junior, said.

Motivated to perfection, athletes felt the crowd's intensity which pushed their adrenaline to a higher level for a last minute victory.

SPORTS PROVIDE A

QUICK KICK

Students turned to out of school team sports to compete while having fun with their friends

Whether rushing to the Fieldhouse for a Sunday evening basketball game or trekking to the local lanes on Mondays to challenge fellow bowlers, students participated in organized out-of-school sports for reasons ranging from the pure fun of it to the less stressful competitive atmosphere.

Involving a large number of males in the school, Biddie Ball games on Sundays kept up the competitive spirit while keeping the atmosphere less tense.

"Biddie Ball was great. You could be more rowdy and get more fouls," Mark Matucha, sophomore, said. "You could play more for fun, and it wasn't as competitive, so you could fool around if you wanted."

Practicing and maintaining their skills, students chose to participate in non-school sponsored sports in the off-season. "I liked to play softball in the summer because it helped me improve my skills," Jen White, junior, said. "It was still as competitive, but it was more fun."

Although a major reason for participation consisted of pure fun, shortened practice time and a lack of equipment prevented some students from the practice needed to make the team.

"We didn't get enough practice and some kids who really wanted to play hockey couldn't because they didn't have the equipment," Mike Dujmovic, freshman, said. "One benefit, though, was you didn't have to keep up certain grade requirements."

Without worrying about grades or competition, others turned to out-of-school teams simply for the opportunity to regularly participate in activities they enjoyed.

Thrilled with a high-scoring game or celebrating three strikes in the tenth frame, students who joined out-of-school organized sports took advantage of all aspects of their involvement, from relaxed competition to fun with friends.

Passing the puck

After a blocked goal, John Weaver, sophomore, waits for the next move. Since no hockey existed at the school, students turned to the Munster Hockey team for a chance to play the sport.

Score keeper

At Stardust In Dyer, Doug Wadle and Eric Ribble, juniors, report their scores to Sunah Kim and Carrie Manion, juniors. Monday bowling allowed students to perfect skills and hang out with friends.

Over the top

During a Biddie Ball game, John Dunn, senior, blocks senior Keith Papendick's shot. With the usual crowd gathered in the Fieldhouse, the grey team went on to win by one point in overtime.

Set up

Ready for the winning point, Ray Doerner, senior, sets up the spike for his team. Westminster Presbyterian Church gave high school students the opportunity to play volleyball on Monday nights.

Just for kicks

Trying to prevent her opponent from advancing further down the field, Julie Brickman, junior, attempts to stop the ball. After 12 years of playing soccer, Brickman joined her teammates on Sundays to play for the Munster Soccer Club.

Laid out

Squashed by his friends, Tim Liming, senior, gets piled on by his opponents Mark Rudy and Eric Trzupek, seniors, during a football game. After school pick-up games replaced team sports during the off-season and also served as simple recreation for those with extra energy.

Take action

While working as a lifeguard at Somerset Pool, Amy Bohling, junior, instructs her brother Jimmy to follow all of the safety rules while diving. Summer jobs were made available to students who kept in shape and made an effort to fulfill the neccessary requirements.

Pumped up

Focused on form and power, Mark Sampias, junior, completes a set on the bench press. Weightlifting and other exercises helped students improve strength and remain in peak condition.

Court talk

To stay on top of their game, Becky Brown, sophomore, and Jenny Rosenthal, freshman, discuss their practice tennis match. Playing during the off-season sharpened skills and physical abilities.

BREAK THROUGH FOR A

TOUCH DOWN

After school activities add recreation and fitness to the routines of many students

From roller-blading with friends to running all over town, students tossed aside their homework and other responsibilities in hopes of having fun and releasing stress.

As teachers piled on homework, students felt a need to relieve stress and anxiety. "Horseback riding gave me a way to relax, and it was a good way to stay in shape," Jessica Kaufman, junior, said.

Keeping fit motivated students to exercise on their own. "It was hard to get back in shape after not doing anything for awhile," Joe Furdek, junior, said. "I ran and rode my bike in the summer."

Students also played sports in order to sharpen their skills. "We played roller-hockey after school," Tom Keslin, senior, said. "It was great exercise, plus it helped us practice without leaving town."

Other students took lessons in between seasons to maintain their level of play. "My lessons at Match Point kept me interested in tennis during the winter," Sunah Kim, junior, said. "Plus, it was a good way to get together with friends."

Although many students participated in school-sponsored sports, others benefitted from performing without a team. "I ran because it gave me time by myself to think about stuff," Annie Barrow, junior, said. "I used to be on track my freshman year, but being on a team added more pressure. When I ran by myself I could do it whenever I wanted."

Not being alone urged some students to call up friends to get together after school for a game of basketball. "I played basketball after school to be with my friends and to just do something," Micah Dolatowski, freshman, said.

Whatever sport students played, relieving stress, improving their skills and being with friends seemed to be the main reasons why students congregated at local parks after school.

Swing kids
Enjoying the warm weather, Heidi May, junior, receives a push from Jackie Shepp, junior, while playing on a swing. Playgrounds provided a place for students to break the day's monotony

SWEATING IT OUT

TAKING FITNESS TO THE LIMIT

With sweat dripping off his nose, the exhausted student exerted extra effort as he pushed himself to run another lap around the never ending track.

Staying in shape and eating right accounted for one of the many priorities students had to face. With a constant self-image worry of gaining weight and being out of shape, students incorporated daily exercise and healthy eating into their everyday routines.

"The main reason I exercise is so I don't gain weight and my muscle doesn't turn into flab," Julie Fekete, sophomore, said. "I also feel more in shape and healthier after I accomplish something strenuous."

Motivation played a key element in staying in shape, according to junior Joe Furdek. "The track and cross country season motivated me to run more," Joe said. "It's also fun to run with a bunch of friends because then it's not as boring."

Preparing for sports seasons provided reason for some students to worry about getting in shape. "If I wasn't in wrestling, I'd be too lazy to run every morning," Albert Song, freshman, said. "But I know to be ready for my season and keep up, I have to stay in shape."

Students were equally affected by the dilemma of healthy eating in a "fast food" world. If students neglected nutritious, low-fat lunches, they would only hurt themselves through a lack of nutrition.

"You have to watch fat content these days. Before, everyone worried about counting calories," Carrie Hanas, senior, said. "With today's fast food environment, that's hard to do."

As the exhausted student finished his last grueling lap and dragged his weary body home, he wondered how much longer he could keep up with his hectic schedule.

PUMPED UP
In preparation for their respective sports, cheerleading and baseball, Robyn Senchak, sophomore, and Troy Smith, senior, utilize the weight room after school. Disciplined students took advantage of this opportunity intead of paying extra money to travel to health clubs.

WHY BOTHER?

"Chicks dig a hard body, so I work out as much as possible."
Brian Zweig, senior

"I play football so I have to work out if I want to play, but I think that I would do it anyways just to feel good." Tony Bazarko, junior

"I'm in weight training, otherwise I don't think that I would work out at all." Amy Strong, sophomore

"I have to stay buff for the sports I play." Keith Thomas, junior

"I lift weights to get strong because when you're strong it's easy to hurt people, and that's fun."
Dave Ortman, junior

"I don't work out, but I am going to start one of these days. I swear, I really am." Whitney Katz, junior

"I don't have to lift a lot of weights because of my natural strength, but conditioning does help out with staying in shape for sports."
Dan Zebrecky, sophomore

"I do step aerobics or regular aerobics because it's good for my health and it makes me feel like I've accomplished something."
Lisa Krieger, senior

"Keeping in shape is an important part of my life, not only for sports but from a health standpoint as well." John Folta, freshman

SWEATING IT OUT

DIETING DAZE LEADS TEENS TO FOCUS ON FOOD

Fad diets, crash diets and plain old strange methods for weight loss could almost always find their way into the lives of teenagers everywhere.

Besides the run of the mill exercises that supposedly caused rapid weight loss, students took their health into their own hands and developed their own fat-reducing fitness routines.

"I knew a girl that ate only fat-free foods every day," Marina Mourikas, sophomore, said. "She'd bring yogurt, take three bites, then throw it away. She only drank grapefruit juice because she said that it burned fat. She was the most compulsive person I knew, and she wasn't even close to being fat."

Although girls seemed like the normal candidates for crash diets, boys didn't come in a far second in dealing with the battle of the bulge.

"I worked out four times a week before and after school," Jeff Perz, freshman, said. "I also tried to eat a lot of pasta for endurance and muscle mass. I wanted to gain, not lose."

While dieting proved an essential part of a teenager's life, a healthy diet and a good life style proved the most important elements in order to stay in tip-top shape.

"I didn't think fad diets worked. What you need to do is eat healthy and exercise right," Dennis Ruhl, junior, said.

As bizarre weight loss methods displayed a false sense of reality, some students neglected the rapid reduction process and concentrated on more healthy and stable diet programs.

A WEIGHT CLASS OF THEIR OWN

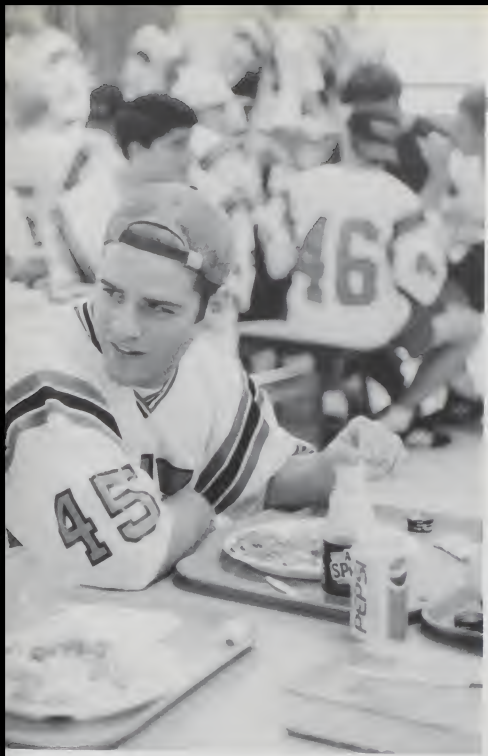
Running in the heat of the wrestling room until they almost passed out or barely eating to the point of starvation, wrestlers cut weight to wrestle in a desired weight class.

"When I got home from practice, I rested and then went out and ran, sometimes in the snow for five or six miles with 'plastic' (sauna suit) on," an anonymous sophomore said.

Although many used unhealthy ways to lose weight, some knew how to be more healthy because of previous experiences.

"The best way to cut weight was to watch what you ate and lose it slowly instead of starving yourself. I did that before, and I will never do it again," Steve Zimmerman, senior, said.

They could lose a couple of pounds for their preferred weight class, or if they didn't make varsity in one



Quick Fix

In preparation for the South Bend Washington game, Tony Bazarko and Tom Anzur, juniors, discuss strategies. Because of the long travel time, the Food Court reopened the pasts bar during sixth hour to provide the players a dinner packed with carbohydrates.

Healthy Choice

Scooting his muffin along, Brad Vliek, senior, eyes the bacon bits as Bob Gonzalez, senior, decides what to put on his salad next. Salad bars gave students a healthy alternative to the fried and fast food of the Food Court.

class, they could cut weight to drop to another class.

"If you love the sport, you'll do anything to be out on the mat," Ryan Boilek, junior, said.

Losing weight to wrestle in a lighter class didn't always prove to be the best. "A lighter weight class seemed easier, but if you lost weight, then you were just as small, but you got weaker," Zimmerman said.

Whether running, dieting or just cutting back, wrestlers found they could make the cut.

Overheat

In an attempt to bring his weight down for wrestling, Rob Kopenec, sophomore, jumps rope while waering three layers of clothing. Trying to lose weight for sports or for personal satisfaction, students resorted to all methods to shed the extra pounds.

Nice N' Easy

Grabbing a fast snack, Dana Lazar, sophomore, takes her change from Barb Kovach, cafeteria worker. The Snapple Quick Snack Stand let students enjoy speedy eats without a lot of hassle.

SWEATING IT OUT

EAGER TO EXERCISE, TEENS SEEK SOLUTIONS

After stretching their muscles and tightening the laces on their crosstrainers, students eagerly headed to their favorite workout location with high hopes of attaining the ultimate workout.

In their quest for the perfect body, students looked to the great outdoors to pump themselves up. "I tried to walk a couple miles each day," Katie Kinnis, freshman, said. "I had the Cindy Crawford tape, too, but the walk gave me a chance to workout alone without my family breathing down my neck."

Audio and video cassettes provided students with a chance to tone their bodies in the privacy of their own home. "I did my videos as often as possible," Mary Petrovich, senior, said. "I worked, so I didn't have time to go to Omni, and if the weather was bad, I couldn't go outside. I had no excuse not to work out."

Home equipment supplied students with the benefits of a gym and the comforts of home. "We had a stepper. I hopped on it once in awhile to maintain powerhouse legs and a firm butt," Eric Stojkovich, senior, said.

Paying nearly $100 in initiation fees, many students opted to exercise in one of many local gyms. "I loved going to Omni. Everything was right there," Mike Stroop, sophomore, said. "And it was open 24 hours so if I felt like working out at 3 a.m., I could."

Concluding a search for the perfect exercise location, students headed to the showers to enjoy a few relaxing moments cooling down after their grueling workout.

TRADING LACES
To find the perfect fit, Katie Stassen, junior, tries on Rollerblades. Searching for the best quality, the best fit or the best buy, students visited area stores in search of equipment.

SLIP N' SLIDE
Working out in a friend's basement, Kristin Johnson, senior, skis on a Nordic Track. For students without club memberships, home equipment served as means of exercise.

Power pricing

Rising costs free fitness fanatics to rethink equipment options.

Rackets
$39.96
to
$269.96

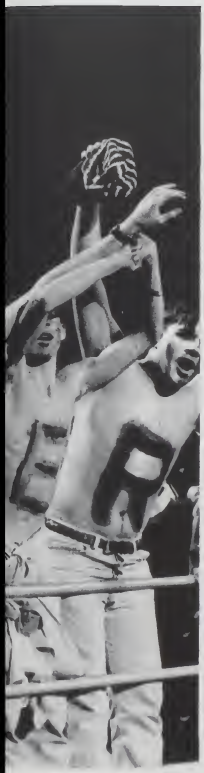
Shoes
$19.93
to
$140.96

Warm-ups
$39.96
to
$189.96

Machinery
$199.99 to over $1599.99

Spell check

In frigid November air, Bob Hurley, Jim LeVan, Barry Smith, Mike Fekete, and Bob Tracy, seniors; Jim Whiteley, junior, and Mark Ward, sophomore, display spirit with "MUNSTER" scrawled upon their chests at the Regional football game against Hobart. Braving snowy weather to show support or simply acting odd in the Food Court, students kept days and nights off guard.



Teepee time
Carrying a basket filled with Thanksgiving fruits, Ron Magliola, senior, taps his tom tom to keep pace as he heads to class. Students opted to splurge with a little fashion originality when the hum-drum of everyday clothes got monotonous.

Caught in the act
Carefully watching her classmates in the egg toss competition, Jen Kenar, sophomore, urges them with Lori Block and Robyn Senchak, sophomores. Whether at spirit-filled pep rallies, thrilling sports events or just a typical school day, students did their best to inspire others and keep spirits high.

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE

Caught Off Guard at the sight of senior boys **caroling at lunch** or a junior boy earning $1.50 for each

Caught Off Guard

day he wore the same outfit, the school adjusted to the **bizarre** activities in the halls.

Going **all out** in everything they pursued, students stopped at nothing to achieve their goals, as the Senior Class produced a record 14 National Merit Semi-finalists and 18 Commended students.

Each grade felt their own **pressures** as freshmen adjusted to high school life, sophomores **stressed** over parallel parking, juniors **crammed** for the revised May SAT and seniors struggled through college applications and financial aid forms.

Battling their own stresses and setting their own goals, students developed their own **distinct styles** which set them apart and left others Caught Off Guard.

parenthood

Deciding how to fairly treat their sons and daughters in class creates difficult decisions for certain teachers

hustling through the North Hallway on the way to English class, he crashed into two unsuspecting freshmen who suddenly stopped dead in their tracks. Scrambling to retrieve his books and the Trigonometry test he just failed, he looked up. Staring down at him was his mother.

While this seemed a highly unlikely situation for most, students of faculty members encountered this daily.

"Usually when you went to school you got a chance to get away from your parents," Jennifer Russell, senior, said "But I saw my dad everyday during school."

Although having parents in school seemed like tremendous pressure, it wasn't always bad, according to Jim Whiteley, junior.

"It wasn't as bad as everybody thought," he said. "I barely ever saw my mom, and when I did it wasn't a big deal. I just said, 'Hi Mom.' I didn't say 'Hi Mrs. Whiteley,' or anything."

In most cases students usually didn't see their parents during the day, but most teachers liked to make it a point to see their children.

"I liked being able to see my children during the day and share in what was going on," Mr. Dave Russell, English teacher, said. "I liked knowing that I was there if something was wrong."

Even though students rarely ran into their parents on purpose, occasionally they found themselves forced to drop by for a few essential items. "It seemed I was always getting hit up for extra lunch money, school supplies or any other goodies I had laying around on my desk," Mr. Tom Whiteley, social studies teacher, said.

Generally teachers tended to like the comfort of having their children in the same school with them.

"I liked that we had the same schedules. I worked at four different schools in the past, and that made it impossible for us to have a vacation," Mrs. Renee Kouris, English teacher, said.

Although some awkwardness occured from sharing the same school as family members, both the students and the parent teachers agreed that overall the benefits outweighed the disadvantages.

Father knows best

During advisory, Chris Marsh, junior, stops by to ask his father, Mr. Leroy Marsh, health teacher, for some last minute homework help. Whenever possible, teachers took advantage of the opportunity to spend time with their children during the day.

Mrs. Mary Auburn: School Nurse
Mrs. Phyllis Braun: Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Elaine Burbich: Audio Visual and Science Department Secretary
Mrs. Margaret Cacaher: Orchestra
Mrs. Vicki Carroll: Non-educational Aide
Mrs. Stephanie Casey: English, Composition

Mr. Phil Clark: World Literature, English, *Coffee House*
Mr. Mike Coil: Biology, General Science, Sophomore Class sponsor
Mr. Bruce Curme: Physics, Academic Competition Club sponsor
Mrs. Dana Darr: English, Freshman Class sponsor
Mr. James Davidson: Drafting, Electronics, JV Boys' Basketball Coach
Mr. Gary Davis: Physical Education, Boys' Swim Coach

Mrs. Karen Demitroulos: North Office secretary
Mrs. Gail Denny: Introductory Algebra, Geometry, NHS sponsor
Mr. John Edington: Science Department chairman, Environmental Science, Biology, Aquarium Club sponsor
Mrs. Linda Elman: Spanish
Mrs. Helen Engstrom: English, Speech, Head Speech Coach, National Forensic League sponsor
Mr. Doug Fix: Composition, Government, English

Mr. Don Fortner: Business Law, Accounting, Business Management, Asst. Speech Coach, Asst. Freshman Girls' Volleyball Coach
Mr. Dave Franklin: Biology, Microbiology, Asst. Varsity Football Coach
Mrs. Teri Gasaway: West Lake Education
Mrs. Patricia Golubiewski: English, World Literature
Miss Marge Gonce: Graphic Arts
Mr. Jeff Graves: Chemistry

Mr. Ross Haller: U.S. History, Modern World History, Ancient World History
Mrs. Nancy Hastings: Journalism, *Crier*, *Paragon*, Quill and Scroll sponsor
Ms. Kelly Haussman: Biology, Chemistry
Mr. Art Haverstock: Environmental Science, Biology, Botany, Zoology
Mrs. Kris Hoffman: West Lake Education
Mr. Richard Holmberg: Music Department Chairman, Choir, Choral Director, AP Music Theory

Mrs. Barb Johnson: Math Department chairman, Calculus, Trigonometry, College Algebra
Mr. Jack King: Assistant Dean, Applied Health, Substance Abuse, Outdoor Education
Mr. Dave Knish: Special Education, Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach, Girls' Tennis Coach
Mrs. Renee Kouris: English, Speech
Mrs. Andrea Lemon: West Lake Education
Mrs. Linda Lemon: English

Mr. Kent Lewis: Sales and Marketing, Marketing Education, DECA sponsor, Asst. Wrestling Coach
Miss Paula Malinski: Physical Education, Girls' JV Volleyball Coach
Mr. Leroy Marsh: Health and Safety, Weight Training, Head Football Coach
Mrs. Alyce Mart-Webb: French, French Club sponsor
Mrs. Cheryl Mason: Librarian
Mr. Scott McAlister: Economics, Junior Class sponsor





Mrs. Marianne Mencher: Art, Drawing and Painting, Art Club sponsor
Mrs. Helga Meyer: German, German Club sponsor
Mr. Chris Miller: Ancient World History, World Geography, Sociology
Mr. Ed Musselman: Algebra, Boys' Tennis Coach, Boys' Golf Coach
Mrs. Nancy Newcomb: Computer Literacy, Keyboarding, Word Processing, Student Government sponsor
Mrs. Lori Nicholas: Library secretary





Mr. George Pollingue: Computer Coordinator, Computer Math, Calculus
Miss Rhonda Pool: Spanish, Asst. Speech Coach
Mrs. Pat Premetz : College Algebra, Trignometry, Algebra
Mrs. Mary Pudlo: Westlake Education
Mrs. Ruth Robertson: Bookkeeper
Mrs. Maryann Rovai: Principal's secretary





Mr. David Russell: Composition, English, Photography
Mr. Chuck Schallhorn: Sociology, Psychology, JV Volleyball Coach
Mr. Greg Schwartz: Non-Instructional Aide, Asst. Freshman Basketball Coach
Mr. Bob Shinkan: Geometry, Varsity Baseball Coach, Asst. Varsity Football Coach
Mrs. Susan Tkaczuk: Westlake Education
Mr. Steven Tripenfeldas: Algebra, Trigonometry, Geometry





Mrs. Charlene Tsoutsouris: Spanish
Mr. Donald Ullman: Chemistry, General Science, Academic Competition Club sponsor
Mrs. Dorothy VanZyl: Athletic secretary
Mrs. Kathy Webb: Non-Instructional Aide
Mrs. Jody Weiss: Composition, English
Mrs. Marsha Weiss: Guidance Counselor, Student Assistance Program sponsor





Mrs. Anne Whiteley: Spanish
Mr. Tom Whiteley: U.S. History, Government, Girls' Golf Coach
Mrs. Annette Wisniewski: Guidance Counselor, MTA President
Mr. Steve Wroblewski: Geometry, Business Math, Algebra
Mr. Jack Yerkes: English Department chairman, English
Mrs. Mary Yorke: Composition, English Literature, Speech, Asst. Speech Coach





excuse me

Troublemaking students give irate teachers an excuse to hand out detentions or a pass to the North Office

take the worst excuse for an absence or a tardy that a student ever concocted and multiply it by one hundred. The number of excuses heard everyday by teachers all over would result.

Whether faking a doctor's appointment, a sickness or another such affliction, students always counted on a sympathetic ear from an understanding teacher. Yet, not all excuses proved believable.

"The worst excuse I think that I ever heard for an absence was that one student came back claiming he had the black plague and it was the reason he was out sick," Mrs. Patricia Golubiewski, English teacher, said.

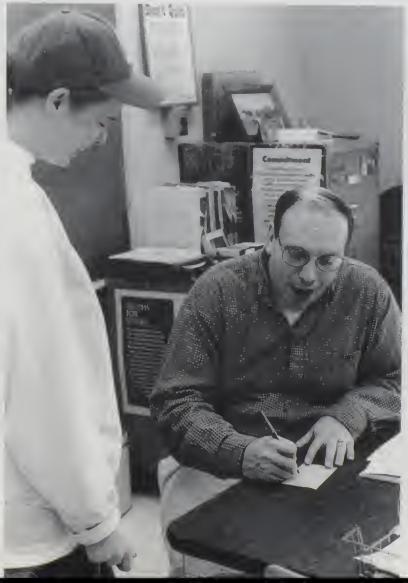
Aside from such unbelievable excuses, there were always those that struck a cord of humor and were the basis for a good laugh.

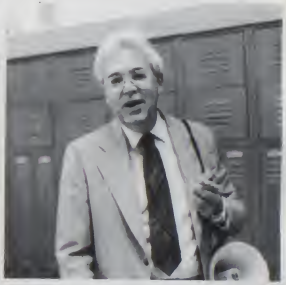
"The funniest excuse that I think I heard for an absence was when a student's parents called up excusing him for missing a day of school," Mr. Hal Coppage, government teacher, said. "The funny part is that the reason he had missed school was that they had been confused and thought that Monday was really Sunday so he just didn't come."

Even though most excuses were believable enough to get the average student out of trouble, some stories were just too strange for them to be believable.

"The one excuse that I really remember is when a mother sent a note to school explaining why her daughter had been out," Mr. Jack Yerkes, English teacher, said. "She said that the reason that she had been gone was that she had caught a touch of pregnancy."

As each new day drew to an end, excuses came and went, and some people actually got away with their fabricated absence excuses--only to be caught the next day.





beat the clock.
In order to prevent students from being late to class, Mr. Richard Holmberg, music teacher, carries a megaphone to holler at those running late. Once he saw someone out of class after the final bell rang, Mr. Holmberg would scream that class had begun and that proper action would be taken to reprimand them for their tardiness.

passed out.
Filling out a pass, Mr. Don Fortner, business teacher, asks Holli McCormick, junior, where she's going. Getting passes from other teachers proved an acceptable way to avoid tardies for other classes.

Clean sweep.
Preparing for the post Pep Rally clean-up, Mr. John Tennant, athletic director, adds to his normal duties. After 25 years at Munster and 12 years at Lake Central, Mr. Tennant retired from his job coordinating athletic scheduling, hiring coaches and fundraising for the athletic program.

School Board.
(front row) Mrs. Paula Nellans, Mrs. Helen Brown. (back row) Mr. Roger Sims, secretary; Mr. Wallace S. Peters, vice president; Mr. Larry Kocal, president.

Sidelines.
Discussing the Pep Rally schedule, Dr. Kevin McCaffrey, principal, and Ms. Carol Epperson, assistant principal, display school spirit while overseeing the day's activities.

serving quality

With new faces or new places, administration focuses on feasibility study to improve school

Striving to achieve their goals, the administration worked on improving the school with added input from new team members and repositioned old members.

With Mr. Richard Sopko, Business Manager, no longer serving as the assistant principal, Ms. Carol Epperson was hired as a replacement. "Ms. Epperson is a strong leader," Dr. Kevin McCaffrey, principal, said. "She quickly understood our school's culture and she operates very well within our system."

Ms. Epperson blended in well with the school's atmosphere, according to Dr. McCaffrey. Although some students didn't notice the switch, Ms. Epperson assisted in making noticeable changes throughout the school.

The addition of the In-School Suspension (ISS) program served as a great innovation to the discipline system, according to Ms. Epperson.

"With ISS, the students remained in school, so they could still do their homework under supervision," Ms. Epperson said.

Planning for increased technology and remodeled surroundings, open discussions led by feasibility consultants encouraged input from faculty, students and community members. Gathered information assisted in making plans for future changes.

"The feasibility study was held to make improvements in both facilities and curriculum," Mr. Bill Pfister, superintendent, said. "Everyone will see the benefits."

With new faces and new ideas, the administration adjusted to current changes and planned for future ones.

Main course. Keeping up his end of the deal, Dr. Kevin McCaffrey, principal, serves lunch in place of Pat Bakker. To celebrate National Education Week, Dr. McCaffrey ran the Lunchtime Lottery, filling in while the winning staff member enjoyed lunch at Edwardo's.

Watchful eye. Listening to the School Board discussion, Mrs. Helen Brown, member, and Dr. David Bess, assistant superintendent, prepare to add their views. New to the system, Dr. Bess used his first year to work on curriculum development.

Rank run. Assisting Julie Shah, Tiffany Wagner, and Alison Byrne, seniors, Mr. James Bawden, assistant principal, distributes class ranks. Fulfilling duties from scheduling to completing college reports for the last time, Mr. Bawden retired at the end of the school year.

Shake it up. Ready to congratulate Dr. R. T. White, elementary principal, Mr. William Pfister, superintendent, watches Mr. Roger Sims present a certificate. Mr. Pfister took on the responsibility of running the school system.

Carl Adler
Neal Ambre
Therese Arent
Ryan Baggett
Cara Bailey
Melissa Bartok
Allison Bast
Aaron Bazarko

Marcy Beckman
Melisa Benavente
Curtis Bendis
Nathan Berg
Robert Bishop
Daniel Blue
Kathleen Bona
Christopher Boudi

Sam Boufis
Carrie Bowers
John Boyle
Sean Brennan
Jason Breuker
Aaron Brown
Kathleen Brown
Noah Brubaker

Rebecca Budzik
Edmund Bukowski
Stacy Bulan
Dana Bull
Michele Bunch
Catherine Burghardt
Amanda Burrell
Andrew Byczko

Searching for perfect cut or suffering through bad hair days, many discover style

CUT AND DRIED

Slipping into the vinyl chair with a drape tied around their necks, nervous students found the courage to exchange dull haircuts for trendy hairstyles similar to those in the latest *Seventeen*. Glancing at the mirror with a flood of tears, anxious students found that their desired style failed to meet their high expectations.

Hair necessities
At Arthur Gale Hair Studios, Natalie Campbell, freshman, reads the latest *People* magazine while waiting for her hair to dry. For special occasions students resorted to salons for the perfect style.

"I was in fifth grade and I got a perm, but I looked like 'Little Orphan Annie'. Even my bangs were permed. It looked like I had an afro. My mom made me wash it the minute I got home until it loosened up a little."
Vicky LeVan, junior

"I took a razor and shaved all my hair off myself. All my hair was gone. I wore a hat everyday until it grew out, but it was still really ugly."
Josh Dorka, junior

"My hair was really long and I got it cut up to my chin. It was so uneven and ugly. I cried forever, and so did just about every other person that looked at that ugly thing on my head."
Angie Lalich, junior

"I let my friend cut my hair during geometry. It was really uneven. People who saw me earlier had no clue what was going on.
Nikki Alters, sophomore

"When I was in Greece during the summer, I went to get my hair cut and obviously the lady who did it had no idea what I was saying. I wanted a bowl cut, but instead I got these long pieces of hair mixed in with short ones. I had to go to someone else to fix it and I made my sister come with me so I could make sure that the beautician didn't screw up."
Jimmy Karalis, sophomore

"I went to my hairdresser to trim my hair. I had just let my bangs grow out so that they were even with the long part of my hair. It had taken me so long to let the bangs get that long. She turned me around so that my back was to the mirror and she cut my bangs up to my eyebrows. It took me another two years to get them back to where they were."
Katie Daugherty, freshman

"I had all my hair cut so it would be even with my bangs. It looked like I put a bowl over my head and chopped anything off that was hanging down. I thought it was really cool until I tried to grow it out a little."
Melissa Bartok, freshman

Patrick Byrne
Louie Campbell
Natalie Campbell
Christopher Cantwell
Lia Carlos
Ricky Carraher
Lonnie Carriazales
Lisa Carroll

Clifford Carter
Kristina Carton
Seth Cashman
Shipra Chandhani
Brian Christiansen
Heather Ciatsko
Shaun Ciesielski
Candice Clarke

Kathy Cole
Philip Conner
Todd Compton
Aaron Conklin
Meghann Corcoran
John Crawford
Scott Crepeau
Nicholas Cuban

Peter Cullen
Rebecca Cushing
Amit Dalal
Kathleen Daugherty
Margaret Dawson
Robert DellaRocco
Catherine DeMeyer
Kyle Dempsey

Nicholas DeRosa
Mehul Desai
Elaine Deveney
Micah Dolatowski
Michael Domasica
Evelyn Dooley

Constantine Dovellos
John Drillias
Michael Dujmovic
Elizabeth Eberhardt
Aaron Echterling
Paul Economou

Jason Eldert
Laura Ellingsen
Jordan Feldman
David Fiegle
Samuel Fies
Rachel Fine

Renee Firrek
Kelly Florek
John Folta
Barbara Foreit
James Franklin
Kenneth Galinski

Ember Garrett
Stacy Gavrilovich
Stanley George
Ryan Glinski
Douglas Golko
Sarah Golonka

Michelle Gonzales
Max Goodman
Michael Grady
Julie Gricus
Richard Gross
Anuj Grover
Odette Gutierrez
Adan Guzman

Heather Hamilton
Daniel Haney
Scott Hansen
John Harbison
Meghan Hart
Samuel Hauter
Kelli Hayes
Nicholas Hecimovich

Stephen Hedges
Brad Hedman
Kelly Hendry
Bradley Hensley
Marius Hentea
Christopher Herkey
Jessica Herkey
Jennifer Hermann

Heather Higgins
Shawn Higgins
Kenneth Hofmann
Bradley Hoge
Brandon Holtz
Rachel Howes
Pamela Hugus
Kevin Hunt

Locking doors, fixing feasts or blasting stereos, students find more than a few ways to avoid

HOME ALONE

Frantically checking and re-checking the door and window locks, students that stayed home alone found themselves cleaning up their mess or making an even bigger one. Freedom and their own time without parental supervision offered students the opportunity to be in charge while their parents vacated the house for awhile.

Lock and key
Double checking the door to make sure it's locked, Alison Dumaresq, sophomore, secures the house while staying home alone. Fearing danger or just enjoying the quiet time, students left alone made sure their time alone wouldn't be disturbed.

"I stayed in my room and locked my doors in case someone came into the house and I couldn't hear them. Also I just wanted to shut out reality and chill out."
Melissa Lounsberry, sophomore

"The worst experience I had home alone was when this weird guy kept calling my house and saying all these really gross and scary things to me."
Jordan Feldman, freshman

"I turned the stereo up really loud, just to the point below where the speakers rattle, because when the speakers rattled it bothered me."
Eric Roades, junior

"My dog started barking and the next thing I knew our alarm was going off. I went down in our basement to see if anyone was there. Even though we had bars on our window I was scared, but luckily no one was there."
Davina Muzumdar, sophomore

"I invited my best friends over and we partied and stayed up late."
Catherine DeMeyer, freshman

Andrea Illingworth
Rebecca Jacob
Jessica Jagadich
Marianne Javate
Danielle Jayjack
Jenny Johnson
Steven Johnson
Sara Jones

Heather Kadar
Dayal Kaggehem
Amanda Kallen
William Kaminski
Jimmy Karalis
Lisa Karulski
Jimmy Katsinis
Kimberly Kelly

Rosalie Kane
Kathleen Kannis
Jason Kling
Cynthia Klus
Caryn Kobe
Steven Kress
Vijay Krishnamoorthy
Alexandra Kruczek

Erin Krull
Angela Kubacki
Ellen Kucharski
Erin Lane
Timothy Largus
Mark LaSota
Robert Leary
Johanson Lee

HOLIDAY HANG-UPS

Diverse religious beliefs give students encounter different customs while keeping their own

Whether at home or at weekend services, faithful students took an occasional break from their busy schedules to worship and pray. With family and friends, spiritual students freed themselves from social obligations to fulfill their religious responsibilities.

"When I was at Bishop Noll, we had mass in the auditorium. Around Thanksgiving and Christmas the bishop came and said mass. Since I came to school here, I haven't gone to church as much as I should."

Jason Nichols, junior

"Around the holidays my entire dad's side of the family went to church so that we remembered what we were really celebrating. It's been a family tradition for a long time. Sometimes I didn't want to go, but I always felt better after."

Heather Puterko, junior

"Being Jewish isn't as bad as everyone thinks. Everybody thought it was terrible because we don't celebrate Christmas. But we got time off for Christian holidays and vacations, plus we got called off for services on Jewish holidays."

Mike Weichman, freshman

"My family has always been very religious. I got in trouble if I didn't go to church every Sunday. We prayed all the time. A lot of my friends didn't even consider going to church, but that's how it has always been in my house."

Rita Schmid, freshman

"I went to Catholic schools until my sophomore year. At St. Tom's, I went to church three times a week and I had some kind of religion class at least twice a day. I even studied Theology at Bishop Noll. I think I've heard more about being Catholic, the bible and my religion than anybody my age ever will."

Ryan Campbell, sophomore

"Greek Orthodox people really stick together. We have dances and basketball to make religion more than just going to church. I liked being able to see people from my church in the hallways."

Maria Antonaidis, junior

"I really don't mind going to services. Since I'm Hindu, I only go twice a month. I think it might have been bad if I had to go every Sunday, though."

Kunal Shah, freshman

James Lemon
Chris Lemonier
Patricia Livingstone
Priscilla Livingstone
Matthew Lovasko
Roger Luna
Joshua Lybolt
Larry Mabs

Allison Mack
Eileen Mapalad
Della Marco
Michael Markovich
Andrew Martin
Bonny Martin
Douglas Maruszczak
Meghan Matthews

Ryan Maxin
Ryan McCarley
John McCullough
Ryan McNeil
Suzana Mijailovic
Charles Miller
Kurt Miller
Richard Miller

Tatum Miller
Kenneth Mintz
Gina Mirabelli
Jonathan Mohr
Michael Morgan
Katie Moser
Joseph Mroz
John Mulcahy

Deck the halls
Putting the finishing touches on the family Christmas tree, Melanie Yuraitis, freshman, adds an ornament to start a new tradition. From keepsakes to momentos, students enlisted the help of special items to strengthen religious ties during the holidays.

Guiding light
During the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, Jordan Feldman, freshman, lights the candles on her family's menorah. Students celebrated different holidays depending on their religious beliefs.

Caleb Mulholland
Gregory Nadolski
James Nelson
Phillip Nelson
Michael Newman
Kris Nichol
Melinda Nicholas
Timothy Nosich

John Paul Nowak
Christine Oblon
William Osmulski
Kavitha Pai
Elizabeth Paik
Jennifer Pallav
Biljana Pamucar
Kyu-sik Park

William Parker
Jayme Parr
Michael Patelis
Heather Patterson
Dustin Pawola
Jacqueline Persic
Jeffrey Perz
John Pestikas

Wayne Phaup
Jeremy Piniak
Gina Poppe
Allison Porch
Gabriel Porras
Daniel Porte
Nancy Pudlo
Tarek Rahmany

Bradley Rathert
Joseph Reidelbach
Douglas Reppen

Sadaf Rizvi
Marjorie Roades
Robert Roberson

Joshua Rogers
Aaron Roquena
Jennifer Rosenthal

William Rosevear
Kelly Rothschild
Jason Rubino

Rebecca Rueth
David Rybicki
Jerwin Sadural

Megan Safko
Raul Salinas
Ravi Samuel
Tami-rae Sands
Allison Sarnecki
Jill Savage
Rita Schmid
Laura Schrage

Derek Serna
Kunal Shah
Ricky Shah
Tejal Shah
Angela Shearman
Omar Sheriff
Megan Shideler
Matthew Shike

Heather Shutko
Joseph Skurka
BJ Slater
Jennifer Sliwa
Derek Smith
Justin Smith
Justin Smith
Lisa Smundin

Todd Sommers
Hill Son
Albert Song
Diane Sopata
Vidal Soto
John Spence
Kristy Steele
Andrew Stemer










Trying to follow in their siblings' footsteps, students take on new dilemmas when forced to keep it

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Unsuspecting students entered the classroom, unaware of a sibling's past impressions. Teachers' perceptions awaited younger brothers or sisters as they began unfamiliar classes. Not only did they have to live up to expectations, but also had to establish their own identity.

Sister act
Stealing a fry from freshman Cathy Burghardt's lunch, her sister Sue, junior, avoids paying for her own meal. Students depended on siblings for everything from food to favors.

"Mrs. Redlarczyk (algebra teacher) kept calling me 'Cheryl' (senior). Also she always asked me to be more like Cheryl, quiet and good."
Nathan Kras, junior

"Mr. Franklin (biology teacher) knew I had potential and could do as well as my sisters, so he encouraged me to work hard."
Gene Wozniakowski, freshman

"None of my teachers ever mentioned anything more than me being related to my brothers. They never compared me to my brothers and I never felt any pressure."
Beth Jadernak, sophomore

"They didn't let me do a lot of things because they didn't want me to make the same mistakes that my sister made."
Yvette Castor, junior

Heidi Stout
Cheryl Streeter
Thomas Swanson
Lisa Tabion
Kurt Terandy
Denise Trelinski
Andrew Trgovich
Jennifer Triana

Janice Tsai
Breann Urbanowicz
Fernando Urzua
Jocelyn Vanderloek
Elizabeth Villalobos
Neil Wallace
John Wasem
David Weck

Michael Weichman
Lynn Westerfield
Elizabeth Wickland
Brent Wilson
John Wojcik
Kathleen Woodrick
Eugene Wozniakowski
Justin Wright

James Yannakopoulos
Jimmy Yannakopoulos
Melanie Yuratlis
Hani Zabeneh
Jennifer Zenos
Dan Zimmerman
Nicholas Zubay

Sliding into the driver's seat, rookie drivers take off onto the roads while those sharing them strive to

STEER CLEAR

Strapping on seatbelts and adjusting the mirrors of their parent's cars, anxious first-time drivers braved the roads. With terror-stricken parents, siblings or instructors at their sides and a permit burning in their wallets, they turned the ignitions, put the car in drive and took off on the streets of disaster.

"I only drove once. I went down Fran-Lin and drove right through a four-way stop. People were honking. I just started to cry."
Melanie Yuraitis, freshman

"I was down at IU(Indiana University Bloomington) and I was driving in this car the wrong way down a one way street, and this cop was coming down the other way. I pulled off to the side and he just drove past."
Shelley Gordon, sophomore

"I was backing out of my driveway and I went straight into a pile of snow. I couldn't get it to move, so I put it in drive and went over my neighbor's yard. My mom was about to have a heart attack."
Meghann Corcoran, freshman

"The first time I drove was with driver's ed. I thought it was so easy. All we had to do was drive down a completely straight street with only one turn. I thought I was so cool until I got out on a busy street I was so scared."
Erin Houser, junior

"I drove my friend's parent's car to McDonald's and got some food. She wasn't going to let me, but I lied and told her that I drove before."
Justin Smith, freshman

"I didn't take driver's ed so my dad taught me. We were in the car and I put on my turn signal and I went into the other lane. I started hearing this honking behind me. I must have cut this lady off because she pulled up next to me and flicked me off. I was so embarrassed."
Shannon Hamel, junior

"I was with my friend and my brother in our car and I just touched the gas and we went about 95 miles an hour. After that he made me get out of the car and he drove. I haven't driven since."
Becky Jacob, freshman

"The first time I drove was with my friend Maria (Sellis, sophomore). We went all the way downtown. We were both so scared so we kept on pulling over and switching (drivers). I learned a lot, though.
Nikki Alters, sophomore

Trading places
Giving her younger sister's friend a chance to drive, Laura Triana, senior, helps Katie Kinnis, freshman, learn the rules of the road. Novice drivers looked to friends and parents when in need of a driving lesson.

Kevin Adley
Rebecca Ahlf
Sallamah Aliah
Gary Almase
David Alonzo
Nicole Alters
Alaina Altschul
Kathryn Arndahl

Matt Angel
Laura Anthony
Allison Archer
Katie Artus
Diemah Austgen
Theresa Austgen
Meghan Bacino
Jason Banaszak

James Basil
Christina Bauer
Carrie Bedell
Nacholas Berg
Denise Bertagnolli
Mihir Bhatt
Christopher Bielfeldt
Janine Bishop

Karen Blackstone
Lori Block
Maggie Bonjean
Marcee Bowen
Christine Boyd
Kelly Brakebill
Rebecca Brown
Timothy Brown

Meghan Buchanan
Laura Buehne
Donald Buikema
William Buller
Nicole Busch
Christopher Cailles
Ryan Campbell
Abbie Cashman

Michael Cassity
Darleen Chapranda
Craig Chastain
Kavita Chowdary
Christine Ciba
Michelle Clarke
Christopher Clifford
Alexander Colakovic

Jacqueline Costanza
David Cox
Marlene Coyne
Amy Croston
Gloria Cuban
Erin Damjanovich
Jaime Dausch
Bradley DeChantal

Paul DeRito
Erin DeLuna
Tim Drzewiecki
Allison Duesing
James Dulleck
Alison Dumaresq
Jillian Dunn
Michaela Dupkanic

During day's chaotic hustle, students find that finishing work requires them to

KEEP IT QUIET

With parents nagging, telephones ringing or music blaring, students searched for quiet places to escape the loudness of the day. Whether at home or at school, students seeking silence slipped off to their favorite spots to catch a few moments of peaceful pleasure and time alone.

"When I needed to get away, I went out in my driveway and just played basketball. My parents didn't think about going out there. Sometimes my brother would come out and talk to me, but he knew when I wanted to have time by myself."

Dan Zabrecky, sophomore

"My house got really crazy sometimes so I just grabbed my headphones and went out rollerblading. Being outside really helped to clear my head."

Eileen Mapalad, freshman

"Sometimes school was so loud and I couldn't wait to get home. Then I got there and it was just as bad. When it got that bad, I just went up in my room and locked myself away from my family."

Jenny Lemon, junior

"I always went outside and walked when it got too loud. That, or I drove until I was out of gas."

Slobodan Popovich, junior

"I sat in my basement or garage. It was always cold, so no one came in and I couldn't hear what was going on in the rest of the house."

Hani Zabaneh, freshman

"I always just sat down by the river. It was so quiet down there. There were no phones, no family, nothing. And no one even knew where I was.

Paul DelRio, sophomore

Going it alone
Taking a break from the loudness of the day. Dana Lazar, sophomore, uses a few minutes of quiet to catch up on Chemistry. Students slipped off into secluded areas of the school to isolate themselves from the noise of others.

Paitra Economou
Wesley Ehnat
Julie Fekete
Joel Ferguson
Michael Fleck
Jacob Florczak
Kathleen Frazier
Brett Friedman

Jennifer Frigo
Damien Gambill
Christopher Garcia
Corina Garcia
Gabrina Garza
Ronald Gaspar
Lawrence Giannini
Christopher Gibbs

Timothy Glennon
Michelle Gordon
Jessica Gorski
Kevin Gralewski
Evan Greenbaum
Shivroup Grewal
Wesley Gribas
Sarah Gribble

Samantha Grigsby
Bradley Haney
Charles Harvey
Jill Heaney
Lauren Hensley
Leslie Hernandez
Amy Herron
Benjamin Hilt

Alexandra Hinich
Jason Holajter
Jeanne Horak
Allison Horvath
Kimberly Houston
Sarah Howes
Melissa Hughes
Amy Hundley

Brian Huseman
Jaime Jablonski
Elizabeth Jadernak
Adam Jagadich
Teresa Jakocha
Lubica Janevski
Jonathan Jankus
Jovita-Marie Javate

Leo Jimenez
Sarah Joens
Kevin Johnson
Carrie Junker
Brian Jurczak
Geoffrey Kaiser
Christian Kaleta
Lisa Kaleta

Debra Kaplan
James Karalis
Christina Keenan
Kimberly Keer
Mary Keilman
Kelly Kemsock
Jennifer Kenar
Therese Keslin

Jack attack
Glancing over her pictures of Jack Nicholson, ManDee Adams, junior, prepares for her Speech appointment. Whether finding inspiration in wearing certain jewelry or carrying special items, students kept superstitious habits when faced with a challenge.

Hair raiser
To keep with the Swim Team tradition of getting odd haircuts before Sectionals, Chuck Schultz, junior, checks out the style. Sports teams followed unusual traditions because of superstitions.

William Kieft
Richard Kincaid
Courtney Kintz
Kelly Klapkowski
Kristina Kluga
Daniel Kmiec
Matthew Knoepke
Angela Kolodziej

Bradley Konar
Peter Konevich
Robert Kopenec
Jason Koscielski
Steven Kotso
Christos Kounelis
Ryan Kouris
Kenneth Kraynik

Brian Krieger
Catherine Kroczek
Helen Kuo
Keri Kutansky
Kelly Kwasny
Jessica Lanzillo
Dana Lazar
Connie Lecas

Christina Lee
Mary Lee
John Leslie
Melissa Lounsberry
Adam Lulinski
Keith Madderom
Suchit Majmudar
Susan Manous

From rally caps to good luck charms, students with faith

CUT IT CLOSE

Believing that broken mirrors brought bad luck or that good luck charms could suddenly switch even the hardest test into an easy "A," superstitious students kept their faith in forces beyond their control, while those who weren't convinced by supernatural displays stuck to proven possibilities.

"Whenever I find something small and weird on the ground, I pick it up and put it in my pocket. That gives me good luck."
Max Goodman, freshman

"If I keep thinking of everything bad that I've done in the past and tell myself that I suck over and over again before a competition or something, then I will do good. But if I think that I will do well, then I don't."
Carrie Witting, sophomore

"I believe that spirits exist and that they can see you but you can't see them."
Kawin Boonyapredee, junior

"I'm on a 14-year bad luck streak if you believe that breaking a mirror is bad luck. I broke a mirror when I was seven, then I broke another one when I turned 14."
Elizabeth Krol, junior

"Throwing salt over your left shoulder is definitely good luck."
Jason Brooks, junior

"If you rub my stuffed pig, then you will have good luck."
Allison Horvath, sophomore

"I never look in the mirror when it is dark in a room, because it is scary."
Robyn Senchak, sophomore

"Since seventh grade I've worn the same pair of earrings for cheerleading tryouts, and every year to this day, I've made it."
Heather Hamilton, freshman

Mark Matucha
Benjamin Mayes
Travis McMahen
Joseph Mendoza
Phillip Mihalic
Theresa Mikula
Andrew Mikus
Andrew Miller

Joseph Mitchener
Edgar Moore
Heather Moses
Marina Mourikis
Jeremiah Mulholland
Erica Mullins
Steven Murray
Davina Muzumdar

Kristiana Neff
Stacy Nishimura
Kelly Nixon
Sarah Noel
Kathleen Olmos
Erin Orth
Kristina Paik
Timothy Paliga

Anna Pamintuan
Hemal Parikh
Paul Parker
Ravi Patil
Michael Pellicciotti
Cassandra Pence
David Pesich
Mark Pesich

Kelly Pfister
Brian Pietrzycki
Sarah Pipping
Jennifer Pleitner
Katherine Pomroy
Erin Powell

Karen Prisby
Domani Quagliara
Nicholas Quallis
John Ramirez
Charles Ranich
Dina Ranieri

Sarika Rastogi
Jill Reidelbach
Adam Robertson
John Rogan
Robert Rogan
Jason Rogers

Kristopher Roop
Michael Rosenstein
David Rueth
Mary Kaye Rueth
Sheryl Russell
John Rybicki

Tim Sakoutis
Pamela Samuel
Patrick Schneider
Jeremy Seaver
Lora Segeleon
Thomas Sellers

Jeffrey Semko
Robyn Senchak
Kaushal Shah
Sima Shah
Leah Shapiro
Kelly Shaver
Nicole Shimala
Timothy Skorupa

Jill Smeberg
Anne-Marie Smith
Jennifer Smosna
Mark Sopata
Elizabeth Spangler
Paula Spencer
Jennifer Speziale
Sharon Spicer

Briana Stasiak
Duane Steinberg
Sarah Stennis
Jennifer Stopper
Amy Strong
Mike Stroupe
Shaun Sumner
Sarah Swanson

John Szypczak
Robert Szypczak
Anthony Tabion
Matthew Tancos
Lloyd Tanner
Patrick Tinkle
Kevin Tomeo
Olivia Topete

As home sweet home takes on a new location, students adjust while

GETTING A MOVE ON

Cramming the last essential items into the final moving box, he glanced around the empty house one last time before his thoughts turned to a new town, a new school and new people. For those students who moved to a new community, concerns varied from the search for more boxes to pack in to the search for new friends to confide in.

Boxed in
Placing his last CD's in the moving box, Nick Hecimovich, freshman, packs his final possessions. Whether moving to a new town or just a new house, students dealt with the hassles of packing and unpacking while also adjusting to new surroundings.

"We moved from Pennsylvania to Illinois to Florida to Munster. I only lived in Florida for a year so it was like we were there for a minute and then we left. It always seemed like the movers were in the house, so we couldn't play inside."
Katie Pomroy, sophomore

"I remember moving three times. When you're older, it feels kind of sad because you're used to your house. We moved to our new house in Schererville (IN) almost two years ago, but it still doesn't feel like home—it's just a house."
Davin Loh, junior

"I moved in seventh grade and nobody tried to get to know me, but by the end of the year I had friends. Moving itself wasn't so bad, it was meeting new people that I didn't like."
Alexandra Kruczek, freshman

Adrian Trela
Rachel Trzupek
Kanny Turke
Jon Vanderwal
Barbara Vaught
George Voukidis
Michelle Vranesevich
Peter Vrehas

Robyn Wade
Patricia Walstra
Mark Ward
Kay Watson
Jason Watts
Jill Waxman
John Weaver
Lee Whitted

Timothy Wistrowski
Jason Winterfeldt
Carrie Witting
Robert Wojcik
L. Wolotka
Tracy Wozniakowski
Whitney Yarck
Patty Yerkovich

Daniel Zabrecky
Aaron Zambo
Brenda Zematis
Scott Zimmerman
Ronald Ziol

After pulling an all-nighter and staying out late with friends, sleepy students opt to hit the

SNOOZE CONTROL

Trying to catch up on hours of missed sleep, the tired junior folded his arms across his English book, closed his eyes and drifted into a deep sleep. His mind wandered into a dream in which he stood at the edge of a cliff with his stomach in knots. Before his body hit the ground, he awoke with a jolt to find his class laughing at him.

Whether at home or at school, underclassmen used every moment to exercise their strange sleeping habits.

"I hate that feeling when you're about to fall asleep in class and all of a sudden you feel like you're going to start drooling and you jerk back your whole body and everyone is staring at you."

Amy Boyle, junior

"I try to get as many blow off classes as I can in the first three hours of school so that I can get a lot of sleep. It's not that I stay up really late at night or something, I just can't think in the morning."

Nick Berg, sophomore

"I could sleep through anything. Thunder, lightning, probably earthquakes if we ever had them. If we did have an earthquake, I could be thrown from my bed and be laying on the floor with no covers and I probably still wouldn't wake up."

Derrick Smith, freshman

"I always have really good dreams and then I wake up and I don't realize it's only a dream. Then I start talking to my friends about it, like it really happened or something, and they think I'm weird."

Jenny Triana, freshman

"I'm the lightest sleeper. I can hear everything. I swear, if somebody sniffles three rooms away, I'll wake up and start spazzing out. Or if someone turns on the hallway light and it shines through the cracks in my door, I'll be up right away."

Rita Schmid, freshman

"I once had this totally freaky dream that my mom went nuts and started killing my whole family. It was really weird. She was coming at me with an axe and then all of a sudden I woke up. I couldn't sleep for the rest of the night and I was totally scared of her."

Jaime Dausch, sophomore

Catching some Z's
In an attempt to make up for lost sleep, Natalie Forburger, junior, rests in the Commons. In addition to passing periods, students often used time before and after school when feeling the effects of staying up late.

Constantine Adamopoulos
Penny Adamopoulos
Man Dee Adams
Jeff Alters
Maria Antoniadis
Thomas Anzur
Holly Baran
Cindy Barber

Edward Bareng
Jill Barkowski
Anne Barrow
Nicole Bartok
Anthony Bazarko
Megan Beckman
Angela Bertagnolli
Sara Blacke

Julie Blackstone
Rodney Blanco
Crystal Blissmer
Matthew Bochnowski
Amy Bohling
Ryan Boilek
Stephen Bonnar
Kawin Boonyapredee

Rodney Bosnich
Teddy Boufis
Amy Boyle
Daniel Branch
Julie Brickman
Jason Brooks
Susan Burghardt
Daniel Byrne

Luigi Carlos
Donald Carter
Yvette Castor
Jay Chand
Asim Chughtai
Michael Columbo
Nathan Compton
Sara Conley

Amy Cornelison
Colleen Coyne
Michael Crowley
Jennifer Dagenais
Jennifer Daugherty
Adam Dausch
Jeffrey De Vries
Kristin Demitroulas

Alvin Detterline
Jason Doherty
Karen Dominik
Joshua Dorka
Jeffrey Dumakowski
Julie Dunn
Peter Durham
Brendan Ellis

Katie Erickson
Angela Falaschetti
Tracy Fant
Kaii Figurski
Kristin Fisher
Amy Folta
Natalie Forburger
John Foushi

Facing fears head-on and dealing with the after-shock, students feel relief after a wave of

PANIC ATTACKS

With butterflies in their stomachs and terror on their minds, frightened students found their phobias lurking behind every corner. Whether facing them head-on or finding unique ways of getting around them, underclassmen sometimes let their anxieties get the best of them.

"I can't stand little bugs. If I see one in my room, I have to sleep somewhere else because I feel like they're crawling all over me."

Al Song, freshman

"I'm totally scared of heights. When I go up on the high dive, I start feeling woozy and I practically have to be carried down."

Jill Pfister, junior

"I really don't know what I want to do after I get out of school. I'm scared that I'll sit around wondering what to do with my life, and then when I finally decide it will be too late. I guess I should go see my counselor."

Marivi Javate, sophomore

"I am so scared of elevators. I refuse to take them. I always feel like they're going to break loose from their wires and fall. I always take the stairs even if everyone else takes the elevator. Sometimes if there aren't stairs available, I try to take the elevator but I almost have a panic attack."

Kristin Fisher, junior

"My biggest phobia is that someday I'll go to Great America and I'll be riding this really huge roller coaster, and all the seatbelts will break and I'll fly out. I guess that came from my friends telling me horror stories about people being killed at amusement parks."

Kim Keer, sophomore

"I wasn't really afraid of dogs until my friend's ugly little mutt ripped off my upper lip. Every time I get around a little dog now, I feel like kicking it in the head."

Jason Watts, sophomore

"I'm totally scared when my closet door is open when I'm in bed at night. It always makes me feel like there's something in there that's going to attack me."

Jenny Rosenthal, freshman

Daniel Frailich
Joel Franklin
Michelle Frankowiak
Joseph Furdek
Daniel Gambetta
Ryan Garzinski
Natasha Gasich
Benjamin Girnus

Brian Glassco
Nicole Gonzales
Timothy Gordon
Mark Grabski
Shivraj Grewal
Brent Gust
James Hajduk
Shannon Hamel

Kelly Heaney
Mark Hinshaw
Lynn Hirsch
Dennis Hoogeveen
Amanda Horvath
Denice Hough
Donna Hough
Erin Houser

Joseph Hroch
Timothy Hunt
Julie Jacob
Christopher Jagadich
Brian Johnson
Jody Johnson
Kevin Johnson
Matthew Kalwasinski

Stage fright
Showing his speech class his secret recipe for onion rings, Matt Bochnowski, junior, faces his fear of public speaking. Students often found themselves taking on their phobias when left with no other alternative.

Tough break
Relaxing on the Fieldhouse floor with his friends, Chris Garcia, sophomore, rests his sprained ankle. After a frightening experience, many students discovered that they had developed a new phobia.

Whitney Katz
Jessica Kaufman
Scott Keilman
Michelle Keith
Colette Keslin
Daniel Kim
Sunah Kim
Melanie King

Jeffrey Kobe
Minna Koh
Ryan Korthauer
Georgette Kouros
Garrett Kozlowski
Dara Kraay
Nathan Kras
Elizabeth Krol

Shaun Kusiak
John LaHa
Angelina Lalich
Katherine Larsen
Nora Lasbury
Angela Lee
Jennifer Lemon
Ned Lero

Vicky LeVan
Abby Levin
Julia Lindholm
Davin Loh
Kristine Loprich
Corey Lucas
Lauren Lumbrazo
Tina Mancari

Good days spark students' smiles from as they feel

FLOWER POWER

Unable to believe the great news, the overjoyed student admired the "A" test paper he just received. Whether making a great accomplished or just having a day to relax, students found that the best days were those in which they controlled their own destiny.

"My best days are when I am on vacation and I can just sit and relax and lay out all day."
Jaci Shepp, junior

"One of the best days of my life was when I scored 24 points in the Morton game. It was a miracle. I couldn't believe I actually did it."
Jason Mikolanis, junior

"One time I won a whole lot of money at the track. I go to the track all the time, but I've never won as much money as I did that day."
John Folta, freshman

"Kids' Day was really cool. I got to meet so many new people and it was a lot of fun."
James Franklin, freshman

"A good day is when you don't have homework and you can go home and do nothing, or go out with friends."
Jody Johnson, junior

"My sophomore year at Sectionals I came in fourth in the breast stroke. It made my day to see how much I had improved. I knew I had achieve something great."
Holly McCormick, junior

"A really good day was this past summer at Poms camp. We won almost every single award. That showed us that hard work really pays off."
Becky Brown, sophomore

"When I was in fourth grade I was new to Munster and one of the first days of school I met Susie Manous and she is still one of my best friends today."
Jessica Simon, sophomore

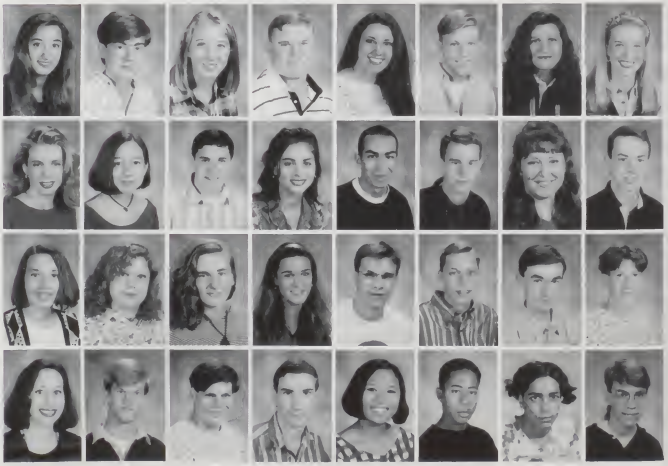
"The first day of high school was one of my best days. Since I was a freshman coming from Wilbur Wright, I had the opportunity to meet a lot of new people and make a lot of new friends."
Bill Osmulski, freshman

Angela Mandel
John Mangus
Carrie Manion
Christopher Marsh
Natalie Martich
Gregory Maurer
Bethany Mavronicles
Heidi May

Holli McCormick
Kathleen McCullough
John Melby
Paula Mendoza
Richard Mendoza
Jason Mikolanis
Joy Miller
Owen Moore

Jacqueline Morrow
Kellie Myers
Jacqueline Nebelsiek
Jennifer Nellans
John Nelson
Paul Nelson
Jason Nichols
Jeffrey Nowakowski

Jillian Nowlan
Jeff O'Connor
David Ortman
Christopher Palazzolo
Dymphna Palma
Barnard Palmer
Arvin Paul
Kenneth Peiser



Say it with flowers
Surprising his girlfriend for their six-month anniversary, Brett Friedman, sophomore, presents Katie Stassen, junior, with a bouquet of roses. Surprise gifts from friends and sweethearts provided students with a break in the usual day.

Sweet success
With a self-congratulating shake of his fists, Kevin Tomeo, sophomore, smiles with relief after giving a correct answer in French class. Earning good grades and achieving personal goals were only a couple factors that contributed to a student's successful day.

Jason Petrungaro
Jill Pfister
Courtney Piekarski
Timothy Pinak
Sunil Pinnamaneni
Slobodan Popovich
Aaron Preslin
Christine Puchalski

Milosh Pujo
Jennifer Puntillo
Heather Puterko
Kristin Quinn
M. Ashraf Rahmany
M. Shaek Rahmany
Jennifer Ramos
Douglas Rathert

Todd Reppen
Eric Ribble
Eric Roades
Jennifer Ross
Steven Rossi
Brian Rucinski
Stephanie Rudd
Dennis Ruhl

Timothy Rutz
Derek Ryband
George Saliga
Bobby Samandzic
Mark Sampias
Claudia Sandoval
Elliot Santner
Carolyn Sarnecki

Suffering from bad days, students take one hour at a time as they trek on

SLIPPERY GROUND

With a frown and a droopy face, the depressed student silently walked down the hall after an awful day. Following anything from terrible test grades and hours of homework to fickle friends and overall bad luck, students dealt with not-so-positive memories while keeping in mind that things could only get better .

"When I was in seventh grade a friend of mine was hit by a car and no one knew how bad it was or if she would even survive. It was the worst feeling, and we were all crying the whole day."

Kristin Quinn, junior

"A few days ago I was in the weightroom working out and a group of my teammates strapped me to the vertical chest machine with jump ropes and left me hanging there."

Elliott Santner, junior

"Two years ago I went to see Santa at Marshall Fields on State Street. It was the day after Thanksgiving and it was so hot that I fainted and all the little elfs were running all over."

Sara Swanson, sophomore

"One day this year I was wearing these really big pants and while I was walking down the hall, Matt Lavasko depantsed me. Everyone was staring at me and I was so embarrassed."

Tim Wiatrowski, sophomore

"The worst night was when I went to my friends house and then snuck out. While I was gone, my mom had called my friends, and when she found out I wasn't there she came over. When I got back she was waiting for me."

Jaime Dausch, sophomore

"Once me and a few of my friends tried to break into a station wagon just for fun and I guess some cops saw us. We were at Jewel and they chased us all the way to the football field."

Andrew Byczko, freshman

"The first day of high school was the worst day of my life. I was so scared going in there with all those big people."

Heather Patterson, freshman

"My worst days are the days when I can't work out. I love to work out and I don't care if it stunts my growth."

Nick Cuban, freshman

Jamie Schatz
Rachel Schimming
Jessica Schoen
Charles Schultz
Jill Semko
Parshv Shah
Jaci Shepp
Sean Shideler

Robert Shimko
Jarrod Simonetto
Katherine Sindall
Xiu Juan Situ
Xiu Ying Situ
Edgar Sivaja
Jeffrey Skaggs
Candice Smith

Kimberly Smith
Shelly Smith
Jeremy Smolen
Christina Smundin
Timothy Spomar
Allison Stalmack
Kathryn Stassen
Jason Steinhauer

Richard Stella
Joseph Sus
Joshua Taber
W. Tarpley
Keith Thomas
Leslie Thomas
Michelle Torreano
Jason Ugent

On thin ice
Rushing home after school, Tim Brown, sophomore, tries to avoid the slushy aftermath of an earlier snow storm. Poor weather conditions delayed students' travel as they drudged through the snow and rain.

A late read
In order to pass his summer reading tests, John Paul Nowak, freshman, tries to read a book the night before the test. When students waited until the last minute before completing their studies, the pressure caused some to experience a bad day.

Karen Uher
Micah Urban
Nadia Urzua
Brian Van Bokkelen
Jessica Van Deraa
Joshua Van Vessen
Ross Vanator
Howard Vaughn

Keith Vitkovich
Uma Vohra
Marika Voukidis
Douglas Wadle
Carrie Wadycki
Melissa Walsh
Sara Weaver
Joseph Weber

Jennifer White
James Whiteley
Christopher Wilhite
Donald Williams
Nikkie Witham
Anthony Wojciechowski
Chris Wojtowich
Meghan Woodrick

Laura Woszczynski
Rebecca Yarchan
Samer Zabane
Michael Zubay

Habitual hang-outs and various views break the common bond between seniors and younger students

After four years of longing for the sacred spot in the Commons or the taboo table in the Food Court, seniors discovered the realities of being the oldest in the school. With underclassmen spotting them instantly, everyone had an opinion on what exactly was the big difference between seniors and underclassmen.

"Freshmen are all the people walking down the wrong side of the hallway, plowing into everyone, and they're the ones that just stop in the middle of everything so you can't get past."
Laura Triana, senior

"A little bit of experience and a little bit of maturity are the major differences between seniors and everyone else."
Pete Ronco, senior

"When you're a freshman, you think it's the coolest thing, and you can't wait to get in. When you're a senior, you can't wait to get out."
Bethany Moritz, senior

"Seniors are more confident and not as skinny."
Jamie Block, senior

"A lot of seniors are very ready to graduate-big time senioritis! Younger kids are still going through the 'high school experience.' They feel that they have things to look forward to in high school. Seniors are a bit sick of this high school thing."
Sujata Barai, senior

"All of the little kids go running to their classes, but the older ones stay in the Commons and relax."
Craig Szasz, senior

"Seniors are more experienced in tense situations, but freshmen freak out when they don't know what they're doing."
Kelly Rothschild, freshman

"I get treated fine because my boyfriend is a senior. The one thing I do notice is that seniors always cut in front of us in the lunch line."
Amy Strong, sophomore

"It's just that seniors look so much older and bigger. I'm wondering if I'll ever look like that when my senior year comes."
Megan Safko, freshman

"Seniors have beards and scruffies. You can also tell by where they sit in the Commons."
Travis McMahen, sophomore

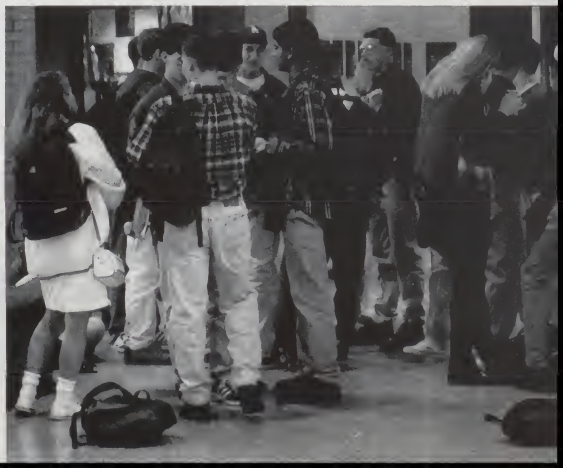
"Seniors don't stand in the middle of the hallway and look stupid; they know where they're going."
Kate Sindall, junior

"Upperclassmen are more concerned with the way they look."
Angela Falaschetti, junior

"The way seniors walk sets them apart. They walk like they're something special."
Dave Fiegle, freshman

"Underclassmen have those dumb looks on their faces like they're lost."
Steve Kotso, sophomore

Assembly hall. Nearly 25 minutes before the first bell rings, underclassmen begin to prepare for yet another day of school. Often afraid to venture beyond the security of the North Hall, some younger students chose to avoid the seniors' sacred Commons by finding their own hang-outs.



Common ground. Minutes before the start of class, seniors use their limited time to catch up on the latest gossip and discuss plans for after school. While waiting for school to start or eating their candy-machine lunches, seniors found that age had its privileges as they dominated the Commons.

Gus Adamopolous
Charlie Alcala: Video 11-12; Art 11-12; Football 9; Soccer 10; Project X 12
Sarah Elizabeth Ambus: Ensembles 11 12, Drama 10
Kristi Amdahl
Laura Andreshak: Basketball 9; Volleyball 9-10; Track 9-12; STAND 11-12; NHS 11-12; Drama 12; Photographer10

Vivian Antoniadis: Ensembles 11-12
Kristin Rebecca Apato: CEC 9-10,12 (pres. 9-10), German Club 9-11
Brandi Rochelle Archer: Swimming manager 10-12
Nicole Arethas: CEC 9-12 (pres. 11-12); Ensembles 10-12; Musical 10,12; NFL 10-12; NHS 11-12; Poms 9-12 (capt. 12); Speech/Debate 10-12; *Paragon* 12 (Stud. Life Ed. 12); Principal's Award For Excellence 11
Natalie S. Bacha: Drama 9-12 (treas. 12), Thespian 10-12; Volleyball 9; French Club 9; Speech/Debate 10-11; NFL 10-11; NHS 11-12; Art 10; Ensembles 9-10

Jeanine Danette Baciu: Volleyball 9-12; Drama 9-10; Spanish Club 9,11; NHS 11-12; Basketball 9; Quill and Scroll 11-12; CEC 10, Track 10; *Paragon* 11-12 (Design Ed. 12)
Jeff Bagull
Dawn Stephanie Bainbridge: CEC 9, 11; Student Govt. 10,12; Ensembles 10-12; Principal's Advisory Team 12
Andrew B. Baker: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12)
Steve Bale

Sujata Barai: Speech/Debate 9-12 (pres. 12); French Club 10-12 (vice pres. 12), ACC 12 (sec/treas. 12); NHS 11-12; Drama 9-10; Student Govt. 9-10; SADD 9; Project X 9-12; Hoosier Girls State; Girls Nation
Robert Barber: Basketball 9-12, DECA 12
Tom Barber
Melvin Regidor T. Bareng: Drama 11-12; ACC 11-12; Astronomy 11-12
Susanne Michelle Baretz

Catherine Barrow: Track 10-12; Ensembles 10-12; NHS 11-12
Jennifer Lynn Bieszczat: Volleyball 9; Softball 9-10; Drama 11
Karl Bilimoria: Swimming 9; French Club 9-11; Tennis 10; Principal's Award of Excellence 10; Principal's Advisory Team 10-11; NFL 10-12; Speech/Debate 10-12 (sec. 12); Quill and Scroll 11-12; *Crier* 11-12 (Ed. in Chief 12)
Jamie Faye Block: Speech/Debate 9; Drama 9-12; CEC 9-10 (sec. 9); Spanish Club 9-10; Tap 11; NHS 11-12; Ensembles 12; National Merit Finalist 12
Timothy Alan Bognar: Baseball 9; Football 9-12; Drama 9-12 (pres. 11-12; treas. 10); Thespian 9-12; Ensembles 10-12; Student Govt. 11-12 (pres. 12)

Charles W. Bohling: Football 9; Golf 9-12; Ensembles 10-12; CEC 12
Thomas S. Boilek: Student Govt. 9; Track 9; Ensembles 10-12; CEC 12; Drama 12
Brent Bonnar: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); All-Conference 12
Maytee Boonyapredee: Swimming 9-11; Spanish Club 9-11; ACC 12
Gina Marie Bovara: Basketball 9-10; Art 12; Astronomy 12; Spanish Club 11

Kate Maureen Boyle: Spanish Club 11
Susanne Marie Boyle: Volleyball 9-10; Track 9-10; Drama 9-10; Spanish Club 9-11
Jeremie Brackett
Sara Brennan
Barbara Catherine Brennan: Basketball 9-10; Tennis 10-12; Golf 9
Amanda Brown





Laura Jean Budzik: Drama 9; Spanish Club 11; French Club 9-10; Video 11; *Paragon* 11-12 (Ads Ed. 12)
Amy Buikema: Drama 9-10; Spanish Club 9; MTO 10
Anthony M. Burrell: *Paragon* 12; *Crier* 11-12 (Opinion Ed. 12); NHS 11-12; German Club 12; Quill & Scroll 11 12; Drama 9 10; Astronomy 12; National Merit Commended Student; CEC 12; *Coffee House* 12 (Literary Ed.)
Charissa Victoria Byczko: Basketball 9; Spanish Club 11; Project X 11
Alison Jean Byrne: Volleyball 9; Spanish Club 10-11; Speech/Debate 11-12; NHS 11-12; NFL 11-12; Drama 12
Roque Cabagnot: Art 9-12; Spanish, French Club 9-11; Track 9; SADD 9; German Club 9-10





Bradley G. Caddick: Football 9-12; Soccer 9-12; Ensembles 12
Brigette Caroline Campbell: Basketball 9-10; CEC 10; French Club 9-11; Drama 9-10; Ensembles 10-12; *Paragon* 12 (People Ed. 12)
Renee Grace Carlson: Poms 9-10; DECA 11
Susan Elaine Carlson: German Club 9-12; SADD 10-12; Astronomy 10-12; NHS 11-12
Bethany Colyn Chansler: Ensembles 9-12; Wrestling manager 9-11; Cross Country 10; Drama 12
Sea Chen





John S. Chronowski: Basketball 9
John D. Cleve: Golf 9-12
Christnpher Joseph Compton: Football 9-12; All-Conference 11-12; All-State 12; Wrestling 9-12; Baseball 9-12
Keith Conklin: Swimming 9; Art 10
John Francis Conley: Marching Band 9-12; Video 11; Diving 9
Ralph Connor





Michelle Costa
Jennifer Lynn Coyle: DECA 11-12 (vice pres. 12)
Michelle Elizabeth Crepeau: Volleyball 9-12; NHS 11-12; Track 9-12
Daria Denise Cullen: *Crier* 11-12 (Feature Ed. 11, Design Ed. 12); Quill and Scroll 11-12; Design Team 10; Drama 10-12; Musical 11-12; Tap 11; French Club 9-12; Track 10
Jen Cushing
Amy Beth Czapla: Softball 9-12; Basketball 9,11; French Club 10; German Club 11





Amy Alison Damjanovich: Spanish Club 9-10; Project X 9; Drama 9-10; Speech/Debate 9-11; DECA 11-12; Photographer12
Anthnny M. Darrington: German Club 9; Swimming 9-11
Angela Renee Darrow: Cheerleading 9-11 (capt. 9); Drama 9; SADD 10; NHS 11-12
Ronald M. Davidson: Tennis 9-12 (capt. 12); French Club 11-12; German Club 12; Art 12
Jody Davis
Kevin Davis





With thoughts of fun and games, seniors keep

kidding around

about their old habits and family traditions

from sleeping with their teddy bears to holding on to an old shirt, students reminisced about the highlights of their adolescence as graduation approached.

"I still have my little woobie blanket from when I was born and I sleep with it. I don't even think about it anymore, it's just a habit."
Kristen Apato

"I don't let my mom put the Christmas presents under the trees until I'm asleep. That way my idea of Santa Claus isn't ruined."
Kevin Davis

"Whenever my sister's home, we sit and watch 'Charlie's Angels.' I don't even like the show, we just laugh at their hair and the music."
Laura Triana

"I still suck my thumb in class, but only under the desks so people don't see."
Dan Tabion

"I have collected stuffed animals ever since I was a little kid, now it's just a habit for me to get them as presents. All my friends and my family know how I think they are so cute."
Amy Czapla

"I watch cartoons all the time when I come home from school. I watch 'Dark Wing Duck,' then 'Tiny Toons,' then 'Animaniacs,' then 'Batman.' Two solid hours of cartoons and my mind relaxes completely."
Chrisi Mead

"Ever since I was a little kid, I've come home from school and watched the 'Brady Bunch.' I know when I was little I watched it because I wanted to be Marcia. I think I still watch it because I'm just addicted."
Erica Lesniak

For all ages.
Taking time out after a long day of school, Voula Antoniades, senior, curls up in front of the television to watch one of her favorite cartoons. Despite the everyday hurries and hassles, students still found time to enjoy their favorite childhood activities.

David T. Depa
Cosmin Dobrescu
Raymond E. Doerner: Tennis 9-12 (capt. 12); All-Conference 12; All-State Honorable Mention 12; Speech/Debate 9; NFL 9
Chris Dorka
Milan J. Dotlich: Football 9-12; Drama 9-12 (vice pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Principal's Advisory Team 10-11; Ensembles 11-12; Student Govt. 11-12 (vice pres. 11-12); French Club 9-10; JETS 12; National Merit Commended Student; Swimming 9; Tap 11-12; Thespian 11-12
Michael Dovellos





Aaron Dumaresq: Golf 9-12; Tennis 11; Swimming 9-10
John M. Dunn: Basketball 9-10; Speech/Debate 9; NFL 9-12; Spanish Club 9-10; German Club 9; *Paragon* 11-12 (Assoc. Ed. 12); Quill & Scroll 11-12
Andrew Scott Durta
Kelly R. East: Drama 9-12; Boys' Track 9; German Club 9-12; Band 9-10
Matthew Xenophon Economou: School Improvement Team 10-12; Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership 10
Peter Richard Economou: Swimming 9-10; DECA 11-12; SADD 9-10,12





Karen Elizabeth Edington: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); Softball 9-10; MTO 9-11; STAND 11-12; NHS 11-12
Scott Michael Ewers: Art 11-12; Cross Country 9-10; Swimming 9; Drama 12
Michael Douglas Fekete: German Club 9-12 (pres. 12); Soccer 9-12; Ensembles 10-12; NHS 11-12; National Merit Commended Student
Tim Fesko: Baseball 9-11; Football 9-12; CEC 10-11
Jenna Finwall
Nicole Firrek: Flag Corp 11; French Club 11





Joseph Edward Florczak: Spanish Club 9-11; CEC 11; NHS 11-12; JETS 11, 12; ACC 11,12
Chris P. Fortin: Football 9; French Club 9; Baseball 9-12; Art 10; German Club 10; Cross Country 10-12
Shawna Fox
Matt Fulk: Swimming 9-12
Alexandra Gasich
Galyn Elizabeth Gasparovic: Golf 9-12 (capt. 12), 2nd Team All-State 12; Academic All-State 12; Tennis 9; Student Govt. 9-11; French Club 9-12; Speech/Debate 10-12 (vice pres. 12); NFL 10-12; *Paragon* 11-12 (Ed. in Chief 12); Quill and Scroll 11-12 (treas. 12); National Merit Finalist





April Marie Glueckert: Swimming 9-10; Drama 9-12; Ensembles 10-12
Tracy D. Gomez: SADD 9-11; Swimming 10; STAND 11
Robert A. Gonzales: Wrestling 9; Baseball 9-12; Football 11-12; DECA 11; Art 12
Shoshana Michelle Gordon: Speech/Debate 9-10; Student Govt. 9; French Club 9-12; Golf 9-12 (capt. 12); Tennis 9-12 (capt. 12); NHS 11-12; Quill and Scroll 11-12; *Paragon* 11-12 (Copy Ed. 12); CEC 12
Mark Gralewski
Jason Greenbaum: Football 9; Speech/Debate 9; Ensembles 10-12





Sandra K. Gricus: Band 9-10,12; Spanish Club 9; German Club 9; GTO 10
Victor Guerrero
Phil Hajduk: Marching Band 9-12
Carrie Lyn Hanas: CEC 10; Tennis 9-11; Diving 10-12; NHS 11-12; French Club 12
David Jeffery Hankin: Speech/Debate 9-12; NHS 11-12; Golf 9-10; Spanish Club 9-11; Drama 9-12; German Club 9
Amy Rebecca Hansen: Drama 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11; Thespian 11-12; Volleyball 9-10; NHS 11-12; School Improvement Team 9-11





Looking back, seniors take one last time to fall into the

fountain of youth

of their freshman year

Remembering back just three years ago, seniors smiled in amazement at all the blunders and confusion they suffered during their freshman year. Although tripping in the Food Court, dropping books in the middle of Commons, or getting lost in the chaos of the North hallways may have sounded too familiar to most seniors, others looked back to those carefree times as more of a stepping stone for what developed into four of the greatest years of their lives.

"I remember that I was afraid to get lost, so I had my older sister take me into the school before the first day and show me around. I was so happy that she did that for me because I knew my way around and I laughed at the people that got lost."

Athena Tosiou

"I missed freshmen orientation so I had no idea where I was going on the first day. I remember asking upperclassmen where my classes were, I felt so stupid."

Kristin Johnson

"I was walking in the hallway, headed towards the Commons, and all of a sudden a senior tripped me and my books went flying all over the place. I will never forget how embarrassed I was."

Bob Hurley

"I remember feeling really tiny and all my brother's friends were picking on me. It (high school) was so different because eighth grade was so cool and freshman year was the bottom of the bucket."

Brad Caddick

"When I was a freshman, I looked at the seniors and I thought they looked so old. It's weird because now I don't feel that old."

Leslie Hundley

"All I can remember is that I was really scared and everyone seemed so much older. I thought I was going to get lost, because I didn't know where I was going, but luckily I didn't."

Cathy Lukas

"As I was walking down the halls on my first day of school, my cousin came up to me and asked to see my schedule, I pulled out my notebook because I had it taped on the back cover of my notebook. I didn't think anything of it until him and all of his senior friends called me a dork for having my schedule taped on the back of my notebook. I felt so embarrassed and out of place."

Harry Kunelis

"On my first day of school freshman year, I thought I was so cool because I finally started high school, but then I realized everyone else thought I wasn't as cool as I thought I was."

Gaston Moore

Lend an ear.
Recalling freshman year memories, Kelly East, senior, reminisces with freshman English teacher, Mr. Jack Yerkes, English Department chairman. Seniors often took a few minutes in between classes to refresh their memories about their underclass days.

Debating whether to hit the books or hit the sack, seniors

stand up

for their right to make their own choices

dressed in a Yale sweatshirt, the National Honor Society student quickly scribbled down notes. Meanwhile, the student wearing the Metallica t-shirt slouched back in his seat more concerned with making the students around him laugh. Although some students had thoughts of hard work and dedication, others cared simply about living life one day at a time.

"I think the reason I'm so organized is because my brother is such a slob, so I became even more organized to counteract his sloppiness."
Lisa Krieger

"Ever since I began high school and started taking honors classes, I felt a need to become as perfect as possible."
Tracey Houser

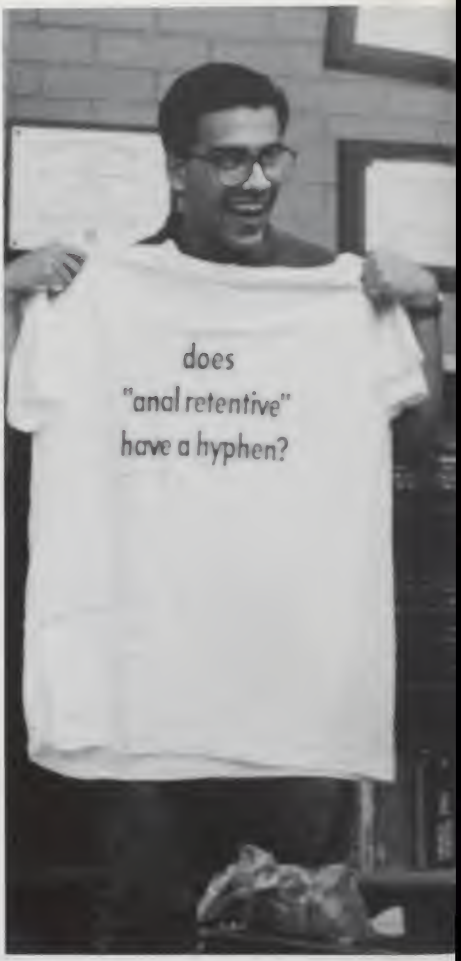
"Sometimes I'll walk into Trigonometry and it will be like a different language. I'll try and work harder until I completely know what I'm doing."
Chris Tomeo

"Because I'm so involved with athletics, I feel pressure to do well. I feel like I have to get the best grades. I have become extremely organized."
Jaime Muskin

"To me getting up and coming to school is basically a complete waste of time. The only thing I see school being good for is to keep you out of trouble."
John Cleve

"I'm lazy. I hate doing classwork and homework. If you didn't have to do work, school would be cool."
Steve Kirincic

"The only thing I care about in school is the foot racks on the desks and half of the desks don't have them."
John Kim



politically correct.
At the expense of his classmates, Karl Bilimoria, senior, laughs at his new t-shirt. *Crier* staff members often shared inside jokes and presented each other gag gifts which helped to relieve their daily stress and pressure.

Kristina Luisa Hardy: Volleyball 9-10; Musical 9-10; Orchestra 9-12; Spanish Club 12; DECA 11-12 (pres. 12)
Robin A. Harwood: Swimming 9-12; MTO 9-12; Musical 11; Tap 11; German Club 11-12
Jaime Hecimovich
Joleen Hedman
Patricia A. Hemingway: Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 12); Softball 9-10; Student Govt. 9-10,12 (treas. 12); CEC 11 (treas.); NHS 11-12

Robert Hendrickson: Speech/Debate 11-12; Student Govt 12
Javier Hernandez
Deborah Hesek: SADD 9-12, CTO 9 10; Track 9
Todd Higgerson: Band 9-12; French Club 9; Spanish Club 10; SADD 10, Drama 10
Eugenia Ho: ACC 10-12; French Club 9 12, Astronomy 10-12; Aquarium 10, Speech/Debate 10-11; NHS 11 12

Caryn Ellen Hoekema: Flags 9-10; Band 10-11; SADD 9; Art 11-12
Stephen Holka
Alison R. Holland: Volleyball 9-10
Bradley Arnold Hooker: NHS 11-12, Spanish Club 9-11; Aquarium 9-12 (sec. /treas 12), Astronomy 10-12; Speech/Debate 11; NFL 11
Mike Hough: Wrestling 9; Spanish Club 10; DECA 11-12

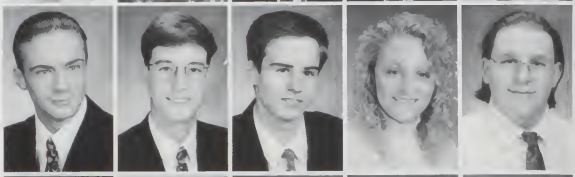
Tracey Houser: Orchestra 10; Spanish Club 11, Project X 11
Michael Howe: Swimming 9,11-12 (capt. 12)
Burt Hulse
Leslie Cynthia Hundley: Student Govt. 9; CEC 10, Drama 9-12; Thespian 10-12; Speech/Debate 10-12, NFL 11-12; Musical 10,12; Ensembles 10-12; NHS 11-12
Robert M. Hurley: French Club 10 11; Spanish Club 10; Soccer 10-12

Katy Iglar
Kathleen Susan Jabaay: DECA 11-12
Michael T. Jez: Football 9-12; Golf 9 10, Ensembles 10-12, NHS 11- 12; Track 11-12
Kristin Johnson
Christina Marie Justak. CEC 9, Ensembles 9, DECA 11

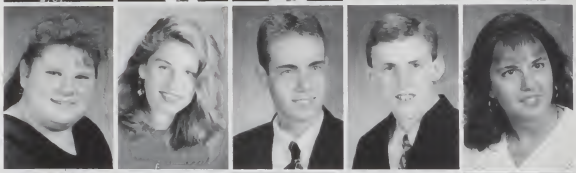
Michelle Kaim: SADD 9-12 (pres. 12); German Club 9-12; Art 10-12; Video 10-11 (vice pres. 11); Aquarium 10; Project X 10; NHS 11-12
Kevin Thomas Kaiser: Swimming 9 12; Art 12
Stephen E. Kaiser: Tennis 9-10; Project X 11; German Club 11-12; Astronomy 11-12, Spanish 11
Elizabeth Kaplanis
Helen Karalis

Rebecca Ann Keith: Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12; SADD 9-11; Spanish Club 9-11; Aquarium 9; Project X 9-11; Ensembles 9-11; Orchestra 9,11; Swimming 10; German Club 11; Video 11; Athletic Trainer 11; STAND 11; NHS 11-12; Art 12
Kristin Kelly
Thomas G. Keslin: Soccer 9-12
John Kim
Eric Kime

Steve M. Kirincic
Jason Daniel Klaich: Astronomy Club 11-12; Spanish Club 9-10; Ensembles 12
Dusan Klisenbauer
Julie A. Kollasch
Kyle Sebastian Kozubal



Cheryl L. Kras: Band 9-12; German Club 9-12; SADD 10
Lisa Marie Krieger: German Club 9-12 (vice pres. 12); Drama 9-12; Project X 10-11; Thespian 10-12; Track 11; NHS 11-12 (pres. 12)
Steve Kroczek
Andy Kulas: French Club 10-11; Drama 10; Spanish Club 10-11; *Crier* 11-12 (Front Page Ed. 12); Quill & Scroll 11-12
Christina Kunelis: ACC 9; Spanish Club 9; Track 9; Basketball 9-12 (capt.12)



Harry Kunelis: Basketball 9-12; Soccer 9-12
Ryan Rudy Kutansky: Basketball 9-10; Baseball 9-12; German Club 11-12; Project X 12
Maria Frances C. Legaspi: Spanish Club 9-11; SADD 9-12; Project X 11-12
Erica Lesniak
James M. Le Van: Football 9; Basketball 9-10

Gabrielle Marie Lewis: Flag Corps 10-12; French Club 11; Drama 12
Timothy James Liming: Tennis 9-10
Rob Long: Wrestling 9-12; Ensembles 10; DECA 11-12
Carolyn Lukas: Student Govt. 9-10; Speech/Debate 9-10; Cheerleader 9-12 (capt. 12); German Club 9-12; CEC 11-12
Catherine L. Lukas: GTO 9-10; Cheerleader 9-12; German Club 9-12; *Paragon* 11; NHS 11-12

Mark Andrew Mackanos: Speech/Debate 9; French Club 9-12; Art 10; SADD 11-12; Golf 11-12; Project X 11-12 (vice pres. 12); ACC 12
Ronald Magliola: Swimming 9-10; Band 9-12; Track 9-12; Cross Country 10-12; Jazz Band 10-12; Speech/Debate 11-12; NHS 11-12; NFL 12; Student Govt. 12
Peter H. Mangus: Football 9; Football trainer 10-12; Basketball trainer 11-12; German Club 12; ACC 12
Rebecca Manous: Basketball 9; Spanish Club 9-11; Poms 10-12; *Paragon* 12
Debra Renee Manuszak

Stunning silence and suprised stares greet students left

up in the air

by unusual activities and odd times

Whether sliding down a flight of stairs or missing a few necessary items of clothing, seniors embarrassed themselves before and after school to the amusement of friends and teachers.

"My first day of school in America was really embarrassing. The only English words I knew were 'Hi' and 'Hello.'"

Melvin Bareng

"In eighth grade I fell off my bike in front of the track. I started crying. An ambulance came over from Community Hospital to see if I was all right. The only thing wrong was that I had a scraped knee. The really embarrassing part was that track practice was going on and all the high school kids were watching."

Natalie Yuraitis

"I was at a Grateful Dead concert and it was snowing out and people had tracked snow into the concert hall. I went to go get a pop and on my way back down the stairs, I slipped and fell down five concrete stairs and dropped my large pop on some bald guy's head."

Maria Sakoutis

"I walked in on my mom in the bathroom once. I couldn't look at her for a week."

Tom Barber

"I was at St. Thomas More in eighth grade and I was running around at lunch in the playground chasing my friend. I fell on the ground and scraped my knees. I was crying so hard that I started hyperventalating. I practically had to be carried to the office. Everyone thought I was dying."

Angie Darrow

"When I was seven or eight, we were camping in Minnesota. I was getting ready to go to the other cabin. I put my shirt on and I walked outside. My sister asked me where I was going and I said 'to the other cabin.' She said 'Where are your pants?'"

Angela Mullins

"For *Into the Woods* (spring musical '92), I had this underskirt on under my costume to make it flair out. In one of the last scenes, the snap broke and it fell to the floor. All the people in the front row were laughing. Sal (Karottki '93) had to walk off the stage holding my skirt up."

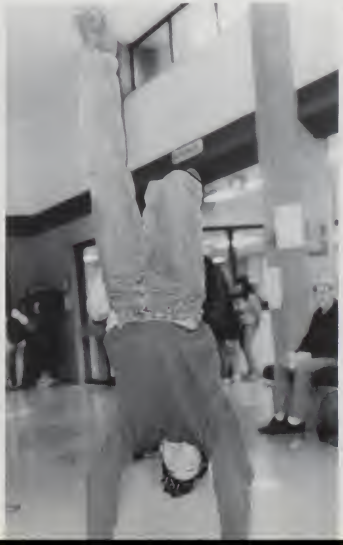
Bethany Moritz

"I was in a play in the sixth grade and I messed up my line. Instead of saying 'the wicked witch,' I cussed and said something that rhymes with witch."

Tom Boilek

"I fainted once in a football field in front of 800 people because it was too hot."

Julie Shah



A leg up. After losing a lunchroom game of paper-scissor-rock, Steve Holka, senior, performs a Hee-Haw in the center of the Commons during B Lunch. To the amusement of friends, students often subjected themselves to embarrassing moments while others looked on in laughter.

We all fall down. Landing flat on the ground, Erica Lesniak, Kristin Johnson, Amy Hansen, Carolyn Lukas, and Pete Ronco,seniors, feel the effects of losing the tug-of-war to the freshmen during the Homecoming pep rally. To their dismay, seniors suffered defeat at the hands of underclassmen in front of a large audience.

Seniors without driver's licenses rely on

catching a ride

to fulfill their desire to get out and go

While sitting at home on a Friday night, the telephone rang announcing an invitation to the big party. After running down stairs and throwing on her jacket, the student walked outside only to remember one thing. She didn't have her driver's license. Although most seniors passed driver's education and license bureau tests, some still did not have their driver's licenses.

"I'm lazy and I'd rather have my friends drive me around. Why would I drive when I can sit back and have all my friends do it for me."

Brent Bonnar

"I like my bike too much."

Tim Bognar

"Up until this year I never got good grades, and my dad told me I had to take driver's education before I could get it. I'd rather wait until I'm 18 than take driver's education."

Art Mayes

"I don't have the money to buy a car, or the money to buy insurance. Besides, bicycles are good exercise."

Matt Economou

"If anything I needed wasn't in walking distance, having a boyfriend with a car really helped. He would take me wherever I wanted to go."

Michelle Kaim

"A few years ago I was in an accident and ever since then I've been afraid to drive. It was a really bad accident."

Frances Legaspi

"It's pretty funny how I've been in driver's ed for five years now. You would think that by 19 they'd feel sorry for me and just let me pass without finishing."

Heather Blanco

Waiting around.
Patiently waiting for a ride home, Jen Cushing, senior, and Rebecca Cushing, sophomore, keep a sharp look out for their mother. Although most seniors were eligible for driver's licenses, some remained in constant need of finding alternative ways to and from school.

License to ride.
Frequently seen riding his bicycle, Pete Mangus, senior, hurriedly pedals home. Without a drivers license or the keys to their parents' cars, seniors often depended on themselves for a ride home.

Dominic Marco: French Club 9-10; Golf 9-12; Spanish Club 11
Becky Marshall: Drama 10; Spanish Club 11; CEC 11 (sec. 11)
Scott Michael Matucha: Ensembles 10-12; Tap 11; *Crier* 11; CEC 12
Art Mayes: Drama 9-12; Video 10-11; STAND 11; Ensembles 12; *Coffee House* 12 (ed. in chief 12)
Jason McEwen
Christina Mead: Basketball 9, Student Govt 9-11, Volleyball 9-12; Softball 9-12, Project X 11-12; NHS 11-12 (sec. 12); Salutatorian

Amy Metz
Mark T. Meyers: Wrestling 9-12; Ensembles 11-12
Douglas Michael Miller: Baseball 9-12, French Club 10-11
Eric Miller: Football 9-10; DECA 11-12
Tasha Mitchener
Gaston Moore

Bethany Moritz: Drama 9-12 (sec. 12); Cross Country 9-12; Ensembles 9-12; Track 9-10; Musical 10-11; Thespian 10-12
Angela Marie Mullins: French Club 9-11; Drama 9-10
Jaime Annette Muskin: Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 9-12 (capt. 12); Softball 9-12; French Club 10,12
Matthew P. Mybeck: Football 9-12, Basketball 9-10; Ensembles 10-12; NHS 11-12; Golf 12
Steven Nairn
Natalee Ann Newsom: Poms 9-10; Ensemble 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; Drama 9-12; GTO 9-10; Project X 9-10; Thespian 10-12; Musical 10; Tap 11; STAND 11

Candace Ranee Noel: Flag Corp 9-12 (capt. 11)
Jeffrey J. Nosich: Swimming 9; Spanish Club 9-12; Band 10-12; Drama 12; Jazz Band 10
Kris Nowak: Basketball manager 9-10; Ensembles 10-11; Jazz Band 11; Photographer 11-12
Cheryl Oblon: Video 10; Art 10; SADD 10-12 (sec. 12)
Erin Dionne O'Connor: Spanish Club 9-10, Softball 9; Volleyball 9; Speech/Debate 10, NFL 10-12; Drama 10-12; Thespian10-12; Cross Country 11; Ensembles 11-12; NHS 11-12
Keith Papendick: Basketball 10, *Crier* 11, Track 12

Minesh Parikh
Gar Park
Lauren Pelc
Marcela Perez
Carolyn Pesich
Mary Catherine Petrovich: Cheerleading 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11; Track 9-10; Drama 9; Volleyball 10-11; Student Govt. 10-12 (sec. 12)

Angie Phillips
Ryan Popa: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); Baseball 9-10; All-Conf. 11-12; All-Area 12; All-State 11-12
Shelley Ruth Poplawski: German Club 9-12; SADD 10; DECA 11
Omar A. Pinras: Cross Country 9-12 (capt. 10,12); Swimming 9-10; Track 9-12; Astronomy 12
Ruth Elizabeth Pursel: Swimming 9-10; Ensembles 9-12, GTO 9-10; Track 9; Cross Country 11
Matt Quagliara: Basketball 9; ACC 12

Nikole Quasney
Amy Elizabeth Rasch: Cross Country 9-12, Cheerleading 11-12; Track 9-10; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 11
Ann Marie Rawlings: Speech/Debate 9; Drama 10-12; Thespian 11-12; Spanish Club 9-11; Tennis 9-12; NHS 11-12 (treas. 12); STAND 11-12; School Improvement Team 11; Design Team 12; Student Govt. 9-10
Linda Christine Regeski: *Crier* 11; German Club 10-11; Drama 9-10; Soccer manager 11-12
Edward Renwald

Josef Riccio: Football 9-12; NHS 11-12; Photographer 11
Iram Rizvi
Melinda J. Robbins: Ensembles 9-12; Flag Corps 10-12; Orchestra 10-12; Drama 12
Melissa Jeannette Robbins: Flag Corps 10-12 (capt. 11-12); Orchestra 10-12; Ensembles 9-12; NHS 11-12; Drama 12
Radley J. Robinson: Football 9; Football trainer 10-12; Basketball trainer 10-12; SADD 9-12; German Club 9-12; *Crier* 11-12; Ensembles 11-12

Joseph Alan Roman
Peter Bradley Ronco: Tennis 9-10; Soccer 9-12; CEC 11-12; NHS 11-12; French Club 10-12; German Club 11-12; Ensembles 10-12; National Merit Commended Student
Brian Ross
Arlene Marie Rossin: Spanish Club 10-11; Ensembles 10-12; School Improvement Team 10-12
Mark Rudy

Jennifer L. Russell: French Club 9-12; German Club 10; Speech/Debate 10-12; NFL 10-12; NHS 11-12
Maria S. Sakoutis: Track 9; Diving 10; Ensembles 10-12; Tap 11; Musical 11-12; Drama 12
Matthew Alexander Saltanovitz: Baseball 9-10; Spanish Club 9-11; *Crier* 11-12 (Copy Ed. 12) Quill and Scroll 11-12 (Membership Chairman 12)
Yogini Samudra: French Club 9-12; Ensembles 9-12; Speech/Debate 11-12; NFL 11-12; NHS 11-12; ACC 12
Laura Dianne Scheffel

Robert M. Schmiedl
Adam Schoop: CEC 9-10; Astronomy 11-12
David Scott
Michelle E. Segeleon: SADD 9; Flag Corp 9-11 (Lt. 11)
Timothy Brian Semchuck: Basketball 9; Football 9-12 (capt. 12); Ensembles 10-12

Holly Senchak: Drama 9-12; German Club 9-12; Orchestra 10; Speech/Debate 11; Art 11-12; Ensembles 11-12; Tap 11; NHS 11-12; Principal's Award for Excellence 11; *Crier* 12; Poms 12
Chirag Shah: Speech/Debate 10-12 (treas. 12); French Club 9-12 (pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Drama 10-12; ACC 10-12; CEC 12 (treas.); Tennis 10-11; Project X 11; NFL 10-12
Julie Shah
Lisa B. Shah: SADD 9; Speech/Debate 9-10; NFL 9-10; Spanish Club 9-11; NHS 11-12
Vikas Shah: SADD 10; ACC 10-11; Spanish Club 11; Track 11

With popular slang hitting the halls, seniors gladly give a word up to make room for many of the day's most common words

Cringing at the sound of their most hated words, seniors held back the urge to scream after hearing themselves and friends say the overused slang of the day.

"'Gag me with a spoon' always made me sick. The thought of it is so disgusting. Imagine sticking a utensil down your throat. What sicko thought of that?"

Dawn Bainbridge

"One popular person says something stupid and everyone just starts saying it. By the time nerds start saying it, cool people have a new word."

Barry Smith

"Usually only a certain group uses the same slang words. I think it enhances communication. Like right now the word 'skunk' is at the top of my list. When I say it, some people will start laughing and other people will think I'm nuts."

Tim Bognar

"Somebody is always saying 'No Way!' I hate that! It totally breaks my concentration! People who hate that still say it. That's how it is with all slang. People don't like it when other people say something, but they'll say the same thing without even thinking about it."

Mark Meyers

"I hate it when people call each other 'dude'. It always reminds me of this guy that would always tag along with my friends and I. That was the only word in the entire English language that he could say. I think other people say it because they can't think of anything intelligent to call each other."

Laura Triana

"There is no need for people who say 'no need'."

Adrian Smith

tough talk. While waving a list of the Varsity Football Team's starting lineup in the air, Co-captain Brian Eldridge, senior, uses creative names in an attempt to rouse school spirit prior to the Homecoming game against Lake Central. Nicknames were one of the many ways seniors used slang to distinguish their class from the others

Heading towards freedom, seniors strive to

make memories

before time runs out

With only one year left, seniors optimized their remaining year in order to participate in pranks, vacations and mischief.

"I've always wanted to climb on top of the dome of the Fieldhouse and just sit there and watch what goes on outside our school while we are inside."

Eric Slazyk

"Every year in Project Bio they try to sink Mr. Haverstock. This year I'm going to do it."

Grady Willis

"I want to have Mr. McAlister on my team for a WWF wrestling match."

Bob Tracy

"I want my hair to grow back before graduation since I shaved it for swimming."

Matt Fulk

"Since I am actually studying this year, I want to make the 'A' honor roll for the first time. It would be nice to end things properly."

Charlie Alcala

"I want to catch a home run ball, bare-handed, at Wrigley Field in the left field bleachers."

Jim LeVan

"I want to go to a dance with someone I like."

Ron Magliola

"I want to go on a road trip with my friends, to some place like Florida or California. I think it would be fun, because we would have no parents to answer to, so we could do what we wanted."

Sarah Ambos

"I just want to be able to remember my senior year as being a blast."

Ashley Wasem

"My goal is to say the words, 'I like Mrs. Yorke's comp class.'"

Tim Bognar

"I want to have a lot of fun and not worry about my academics. Ideally I would like to enjoy high school for what it is and enjoy all of my extra-curriculars."

Brian Ross

"I either wanted to drive a Porsche, get a 5.0 or go to see a Dead Show with Dr. McCaffrey (principal). I guess I had to settle for the 5.0."

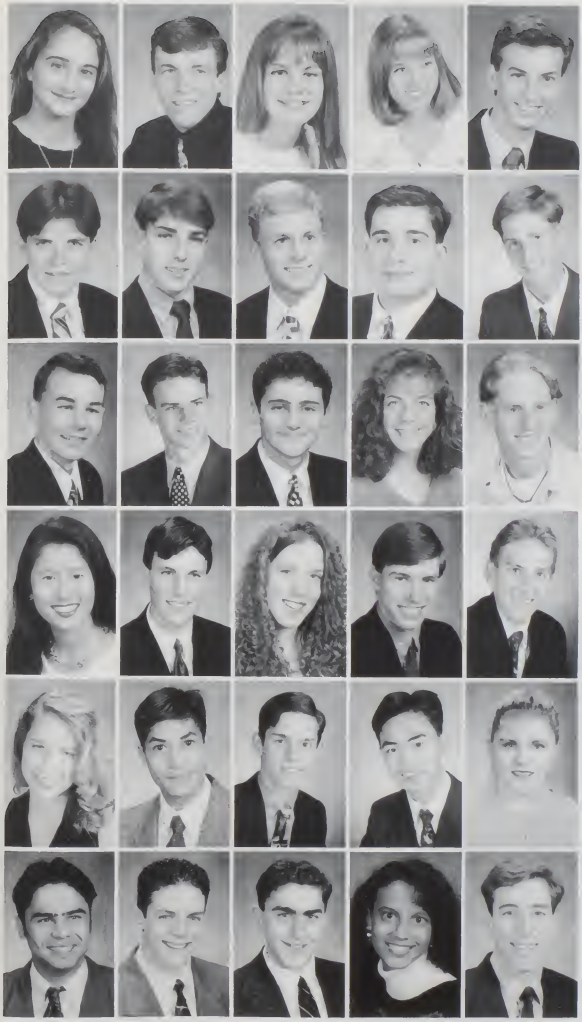
Grant Talabay

"I want to pull the Emergency Exit on a school bus, just to see what really happens. I've always wondered."

Leslie Hundley

Perfect fit. Taking measurements from seniors Jeff Szala, Mariusz Zatorski, Doug Miller, Jaime Muskin, Mike Hough and Mark Rudy, Mr. George Kingsley, Herff Jones representative, assists with graduation plans. As June 5 approached, seniors focused on the activities which needed completion before the final days of school.

Form frenzy. To complete the application process, Mike Dovellos, senior, fills out a transcript release form. With college less than a year away, seniors' priorities shifted toward all they could do before their four years ended.



Andrea Simcoe: Speech/Debate 9-10; *Paragon* 11-12
Kurt Simon: SADD 9-11
Catherine Elaine Simpson
Heather Lynn Siukola: Poms 9-12; Ensembles 10-12, Drama 10,12
Erik Slazyk: Spanish Club 9; Cross Country 9-12 (capt. 12); Track 9-12; Drama 12

Adrian Smith: Football 9-12
Barry L. Smith: Golf 9-12; Tennis 9-10; German Club 9-10; Ensembles 10-12
Troy R. Smith: Baseball 9-12; Swimming 9-12
James T. Sofos: *Crier* 11-12 (Managing Ed. 12); Quill & Scroll 11-12 (pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Tennis 9-10; National Merit Commended Student; Design Team 12; French Club 9-11; Spanish Club 9-10
Philip M. Spence: Band 9-10; Cross Country 11-12; Track 12

Dan Spomar
Todd Stalmack: Football 9,12; Soccer 10-12
Eric Stojkovich: Baseball 9; Football 9
Amy Karen Stover: *Paragon* 11-12 (Managing Ed. 12); Speech/Debate 9-12 (sec. 11); NHS 11-12 (vice pres. 12); CEC 11-12 (sec. 12), Quill & Scroll 11-12 (vice pres. 12), Student Govt. 9-10, Project X 10-11; National Merit Finalist
Eric T. Stugis

Judy Sun: ACC 9-10,12, Astronomy Club 12, CEC 9 (treas.); Tennis 10-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 9-11; Speech/Debate 9-12; Student Govt. 10-12; Valedictorian
Eric A. Swanson
Amie Swardson
Jeffrey P. Szala: French Club 11
Gregory Szypczak: SADD 9-12; DECA 12

Jennifer R. Szypczak: Track 9-12; Cross Country 10-12; GTO 9-10; German Club 9-12; NHS 11-12
Daniel Tabion
Grant Talabay
Ian Tan: NFL 9-12, Swimming 9, 10, Spanish Club 9, 10; Speech/Debate 9, 12, Track 10, ACC 10-12; Jazz Band 11; NHS 11-12
Kelly Elizabeth Tancos: DECA 11-12

Ahmad Manual Tokhey
Christopher Tomeu: Basketball 9-12 (capt. 12); Ensembles 9-12
Peymon Torabi
Athena Joanne Tosiou: Project X 9-10; Spanish Club 9-11; Cheerleading 9-12; SADD 9-12
Robert Alan Tracy: Track 9; Tennis 9-12; Band 9-12

Mary Marguerite Trgovich: *Crier* 12
Laura Triana: Drama 9; Spanish Club 9-10, Cheerleading 10-12; Homecoming Court 12
Eric A. Trzupek
Steven R. Tulowitzki: Spanish Club 9-11; Golf 9-10; Tennis 10-11; French Club 10-11; NHS 11-12; JETS 12
David M. Uzubell





Elizabeth Van Deraa: French Club 9-12; Art 9-11; SADD 10-12 (vice pres. 12); Drama 10-11; Track 10; STAND 11; Project X 11
Bradley L. Vliek: Cross Country 9-12 (capt. 12); Track 9; Drama 10; Spanish Club 11; German Club 12; NHS 11-12; Speech/Debate 10-12; NFL 10-12; Band 9-12; Jazz Band 12
Jason F. Vogt: Basketball 9-10; Spanish Club 9-11
Joseph Vusak: Football 9-11; SADD 9-10
Tiffany Marie Wagner: Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12; German Club 9-12 (treas. 12); NHS 11-12; Drama 9-12





Ashley Wasem: Poms 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Drama 10; Ensembles 10-12; Spanish Club 10-11; Homecoming Court 11-12; Art Club 11-12
Corrie Watterson: Cross Country 9-12 (capt. 12); Track 9-12; Speech/Debate 10-12; National Merit Finalist; Project X 11-12 (pres. 12); Crier 11; Hoosier Girls' State 11
Kristen Weber: Swimming 9-12; German Club 11-12; Ensembles 10-11; MTO 9-12
Pamela Wesner
Dana Lynn Wierzbinski: Volleyball 9; Cross Country 10-12 (capt. 11-12); Track 9-11; NHS 11-12





Grady Bennett Willis: NHS 11-12; Principal's Advisory Team 12; Spanish Club 11-12; Drama 12; German Club 12; Student Govt. 11, Football 9-12, All-Conference 11-12; Soccer 9-12 ; All-Conference 11-12; Ensembles 12; Principal's Award for Excellence 11
Dan Wilson: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); Ensembles 10-12
Lisa L. Wozniakowski: German Club 10-12; Astronomy Club 12; ACC 12
Franklin Maurice Wright Jr: Band 9-12; Ensembles 12
Pete Yerkovich: Band 9-12; Video 9-11; Principal's Advisory Team 11-12





Michael York
Natalie Yuraitis: German Club 9-12; GTO 10
Mariusz Zatorski: DECA 11; Soccer 11
Steve Zimmerman: Wrestling 9-12; Ensembles 10-12
Bryan M. Zweig: Speech/Debate 9-10; Drama 9-11; CEC 11





With four years behind them, seniors aid freshmen by

sharing secrets

which prove useful to their eager followers

With more than three years of high school under their belts, seniors used past experiences to help freshmen adjust to their new environment. From making the grade to maintaining a social life, influential seniors advised eager freshmen about everyday survival tactics involving trendy new hairstyles to tedious homework shortcuts.

"Don't let anyone use your car and don't leave your wallet sitting around with credit cards in it."
Adrian Smith

"Freshman boys, whatever you do, don't get mixed up with older girls, because I had a buddy who did and if you could see him now, whoa."
Eric Stojkovich

"When you see upperclassmen walking down the hall and they're in your way, move out."
Tom Boilek

"Have fun but take things seriously or you will end up like me."
Bob Gonzales

"Don't do what I did and mess up your freshman and sophomore year. Take things seriously so when your junior and senior year roll around you don't feel pressure about college. But always make sure you make time to have fun."
Ashley Wasem

"Forget about any mistakes that you have made and look toward the future and the upcoming three years."
Holly Senchak

"Don't let anyone use your car."
Sara Ambos

"Don't fool around your freshman year, I'm still paying for it."
Becky Marshall

"Don't try to act cool, because you're not. You're just freshmen."
Leslie Hundley

"Don't smart off to seniors."
Dawn Bainbridge

"Don't go to upperclassmen parties. We don't want you there."
Susie Boyle

"Make sure all your hard classes are after lunch, so you can get answers from earlier classes."
Mike Jez

"Get rid of the party bangs. They went out in the the 80's."
Carolyn Lukas

"Study hard because you don't realize how important your grades are until your senior year."
Mark Meyers

"Drink milk, it does a body good. You freshmen need to grow."
Bob Schmeidel

"Don't buy an elevator pass."
Carrie Hanas

Closed circle. In order to help Melanie Yuraitis and Katie Kinnis, freshmen, decide what color shoes to wear with their Turnabout dresses, Dawn Bainbridge and Carrie Hanas, seniors, use Homecoming pictures to help display their choices. Seniors dwelled on past experiences to help freshmen avoid disaster.

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS A

Quick Change came as community **construction** continued and students struggle to make a buck. After **scrounging** for cash, students turned to the community for a variety of eating and entertainment options.

Quick Change

Providing needed services and products, the community offered places for students to share their **two cents worth** about the latest weekend **gossip** or world events.

Taking time to give back to the community, many students opted to volunteer or get a job. Providing income or invaluable experience, jobs **added hours** to students' schedules.

Appreciating community improvements, students in **search** of a place to earn money or a place to spend it looked to local businesses for a Quick Change.

Number crunch
Eyes locked on the register, Kelly East, senior, rings up a customer at Walgreens. With jobs during the year, students added time to their schedules, money to their wallets and assistance to local businesses in need of a helping hand.

Size it up
In search for the perfect athletic wear, Katie Stassen, junior, rummages through Sportmart's Reduced Rack to find a good buy. When necessity called for items ranging from sporting gear to toothpaste, the community provided close and easy possibilities to discover the needed goods.

Service with a smile
Grabbing a quick bite to eat on her way home from school, Judy Sun, senior, rolls through the McDonald's drive-thru. Whether fast food or fancy dinners, renting movies or going out, students took advantage of the multiple possibilities the community provided for everything from entertainment to edibles.

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Say Ahh

In nervous anticipation, Daria Cullen, senior, gives Amy Stover and Judy Sun, seniors, a quick check-up while waiting for Dr. Mervin Stover.

The **Hammond Clinic** provides the community with health services ranging from pediatrics and plastic surgery to dermatology and radiology.

A Penny for Your Thoughts

My most embarrassing public moment...

From tripping over a hidden backpack in the hallway to dumping a lunch tray full of ketchup as 100 faces explode in fits of laughter provide some of life's embarrassing moments.

"I was in For the Fun of It and I was looking at a display, but I knocked it over. When I tried to pick it up, I knocked over the one behind it, too. I told the lady I'd help her clean it up and she just told me to leave."
Michelle Crepeau, senior

"I was with my best friend, my boyfriend and his parents. I was in a white shirt and a white skirt. I don't remember what happened, but I spilled something all over myself. I went to the bathroom and I bent over and my skirt split."
Catherine Demeyer, freshman

"I was trying on dresses at Marshall Field's with a friend and we were sharing a dressing room. This little boy kept looking under the door pointing and laughing at us."
Angie Lee, junior

"On Halloween everyone said they were dressing up for a party. I dressed up as Gumby and I got to the party and found out it was a joke."
Adrian Smith, senior

A Penny for Your Thoughts

My worst on-the-job experience...

Hiding from angry bosses and dodging raging customers proved to be a worthwhile experience as well as a true test of character.

"I work at Sterk's. This lady came in and wanted me to take money off her total because she had a coupon. But the only thing was that she wasn't even buying the item the coupon was for. I told her I couldn't do it, so she started yelling at me. I was like 'c'mon lady, the last thing I care about at 10 after 6 in the morning is if you get 10 cents off that pack of brownies you're not even buying.'"

Cheryl Kras, senior

"My worst experience at work was when I was in a truck smashing the garbage down and I leaned back and fell off the truck about 10 feet, right on my back. What made it worse was that nobody even asked if I was OK or offered me help, they just stood there and laughed."

Keith Thomas, junior

A Penny for Your Thoughts

If I won $10 million in the lottery...

Given the chance of $10 million suddenly appearing in their pockets, students planned shopping sprees and timely trips abroad as they explored alternatives to investing.

"I'd give 10 percent to charity, I'd spend some on family, my parents and in laws. I'd put most of it away, and I definitely wouldn't be working here."
Mr. Hal Coppage, history teacher

"I'd give a couple thousand to the Children's AIDS Foundation. Then I'd buy a black Camaro and pay for the insurance. I'll go to college and save the rest."
Beth Van Deraa, senior

"Buy a mansion, go on a shopping spree and buy myself a Ferrari or something."
Chris Kunelis, sophomore

"I'd travel around the world with my family. I especially want to go to Italy, and my family would have to come with me because they're very important to me."
Angela Falaschetti, junior

A Penny for Your Thoughts

The tallest tale I've ever heard...

Blown away by an immensely exaggerated story, students searched high and low to uncover the truth hidden behind their mixed-up melodies.

"When I was little, if I acted bad, my dad would tell me he was going to take me out to the creek and sell me to Indians."
Chris Fortin, senior

"When I was eight, our house had no chimney and I asked my mom how Santa got in the house and she said through the front door. I asked her how he unlocked the door."
HeatherPuterko, junior

"My mom used to tell me that Fred Flintstone used to live in the quarry pit in Homewood, and I used to wave to him all the time."
Courtney Piekarski, junior

"My brother asked where he came from and my parents told him he was deposited by aliens. He believed them until he told his friends, and they told him it was a joke."
Paul Economou, freshman

A Penny for Your Thoughts

My best dating experience ...

After planning the evening for hours, students found their dream date went as planned or that unexpected changes made for a better date after all.

"The best date I've ever been on was when I went to Great America with three girls and I was the only guy."
Mike Morgan, freshman

"I can't tell you what my best date was because if my girlfriend found out she'd kill me."
Chris Kaleta, sophomore

"My girlfriend and I went to Chicago at Christmas. We looked at all the lights, went shopping, took a carriage ride, and finished it off with a great dinner at TGIF"
Pete Ronco, senior

"The best date I've ever been on was probably the time my boyfriend and I were supposed to go to the movies and his car wouldn't move out of my driveway, and we sat at my house waiting for a tow truck."
Julie Dunn, junior

A Penny for Your Thoughts

My worst excuse for money...

When the money supply came up dry, students resorted to fabricated excuses in order to convince their parents for a few quick dollars.

"When I go out to eat and I don't have any money, I just tell them that they'd be paying for it anyway if I stayed home, so they should give it to me."
Chrisi Mead, senior

"As long as I say I need money for school, my parents will give it to me because it's educational."
Gabrina Garza, sophomore

"My parents almost never gave me money, and they never fall for excuses, so none of them work."
Kristin Quinn, junior

"I told my mom that I needed money for a tennis lesson at Match Point, but instead I went shopping."
Jackie Costanza, junior

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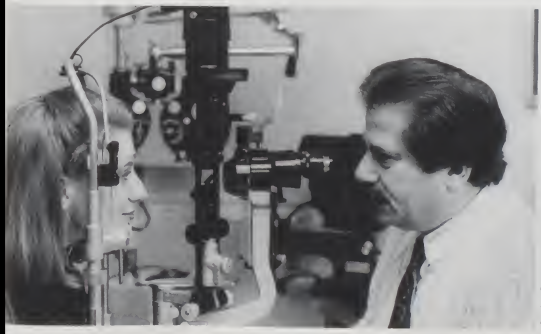

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LOOKING AHEAD
Performing a biomicroscopy on his daughter Shelly, **Dr. Alan N. Gordon, OD**, checks the health of the anterior segment of her eye. Dr. Gordon offers aphthaemologic exams to patients of all ages.

LAST STRAW
While Andy Durta, senior, sips on his shake, John Dunn and Adam Schoop, seniors, enjoy their burgers. With cravings for hambuger meals, students headed to **Schoop's** for Mickeys', milkshakes and fries.

SAY AHH
Examining junior Holly Baran's teeth with his daughter Jessica Schoen, junior, **Dr. Joel Schoen** uses the newest dental technology, the KCP 2000, to fill her cavities without drilling. Dr. Schoen provides dental care to people of all ages while attempting to create a stress-free environment.

SERVICE WITH A SMILE
Never too young to learn the business, Shaun Ladwig, '92, and cousins Emily and Kevin Keene display some of the many products carried by **Service Auto Parts**. Serving the community for over 30 years, Service Auto Parts carries on the tradition of a family-owned business.

A Penny for Your Thoughts

The most unusual gift I ever got...

Receiving assorted knick-knacks and memorabilia from friends and family, students found ways to put their odd presents to practical and impractical uses.

"I got purple eyeliner and eyeshadow from my aunt. I felt bad not wearing it, because she thought it was nice, so I put it on and wore it to go bowling. I figured I wouldn't be out of place there."
Laura Triana, senior

"I got a glass-blown pickle ornament for Christmas. It's supposed to be good luck, so my friend thought I needed it."
Lisa Tabion, freshman

"My grandma got me a sewing basket to keep thread, scissors and other things in. She thinks I'll need it for college, so she's going to keep adding more sewing supplies to fill it up by the time I leave. I haven't used it yet, but I keep it under my desk and rest my feet on it while I do my homework."
Amy Rasch, senior

"I got a Barney coloring book, colored the pictures and put them up in random stores around Munster. They didn't notice the one in Sterks for a while."
Tim Glennon, sophomore

Penny for Your Thoughts

The biggest prank I ever pulled...

From garlic gum to rubber chickens, students found themselves pulling practical jokes to keep themselves occupied during the long school year while continually competing to see who could pull off the best prank.

"The biggest prank was when I took a live chicken and stuck it between the screen door and the front door of a girl's house and when she opened the door, it flew in her house."
Jeremiah Mulholland, sophomore

"If I told you the biggest prank I ever pulled, I don't think the administration would be very happy."
Mr. Phil Clark, English teacher

"Once we stuck bananas in our neighbor's tailpipe, and it was funny watching him while his car was being towed."
Don Williams, junior

"Once I faked my death. My friend pretended to run me over with his car, and I poured ketchup all over myself and he went and told my parents. My mom called an ambulance. She came outside and I woke up and told her I was kidding. When the ambulance came, she kicked my butt. I don't think that I'll ever pull that again."
John Folta, freshman

A Penny for Your Thoughts

The weirdest thing I've done for money ...

Crazy students ate weird foods and dressed up in odd outfits to break the monotony of school and to make a quick dollar in the process.

"I think that I licked somebody for a dollar, but I don't remember."
Andy Baker, senior

"I dressed up in the green robes of a priest for $40 on Saint Patrick's Day."
Nathan Kras, junior

"I downed a whole package of horsy sauce for a nickel last year."
Aaron Zambo, sophomore

"I don't think that I've ever done anything weird for money, but you should talk to Tim Fesko, senior. I know that one time during baseball he ate worms for $20 in the dugout."
Brent Bonnar, senior

"My friend said he'd pay me if I did four belly flops in the pool in a row. He still hasn't paid me."
Brad Caddick, senior

"We danced to music in Chicago so that we could get train money for the ride home."
Natalie Martich, junior

A Penny for Your Thoughts

If I was invisible for a day...

After daydreaming about imaginary escapades and wild pranks, students finally wondered what it would be like if they could just be invisible for a day to live out their wildest fantasies.

"If I was invisible, I would rob every bank I could so I wouldn't have to work again."
Chris Marsh, junior

"I'd go to the main lottery and set up all the numbers to match my ticket."
Bob Tracy, senior

"I would walk around and hear what people would say about me when I'm not around."
Jason Steinhauer, junior

"I would drive for my first time, a bright red Ferrari would be nice, and I'd go to another country, but you can't drive there can you? Well I'm invisible, so I'd sneak into Wimbleton-free."
Kelly Hayes, freshman

"If I was invisible for a day, I would go into all my teachers gradebooks and change all my bad grades to good grades. That way I wouldn't have to make myself 'invisible' when my parents wanted to see my report card."
Greg Maurer, junior

A Penny for Your Thoughts

My best excuse to cancel plans...

A death in the family, a sick pet or too much homework gave students the right excuse to cancel boring plans and take a break from the monotony of doing the same things over and over.

"The worst excuse I've ever told anyone was the time I told my friend I was sick and an hour later I saw him at the movies."
Wes Gribas, sophomore

"I always use my family as my excuse. I'll tell people my brother came home to visit unexpectedly or I'll tell them it's my sister's birthday. I say anything I think my friends will believe."
Patty Hemingway, senior

"I tell people I have a doctor's appointment to get out of sports practice all the time."
Denice Hough, junior

"I told someone that I had to take my dog to obedience school."
Tom Boilek, senior

"Once I said I had to take a shower and all the hot water was used up so I had to wait until it came back on. That was my worst excuse ever because they didn't even believe me."
Nikki Bartok, junior

A Penny for Your Thoughts

If I could change one thing about myself...

Whether opting for a new hairdo or a bronzed body, some students took advantage of all possible opportunities in order to change every last personal imperfection.

"If I could change one thing about myself, it would be that I didn't have to think so long about what to change."
Leslie Hundley, senior

"I would change the size of my bank account. There are a lot of big toys that I want."
Mr. Jack King, assistant dean of students

"I want to be a sophomore because freshmen get dumped on."
Omar Sheriff, freshman

"I'd change my underwear. I always forget to do that."
Scott Matucha, senior

"I would change my low self-esteem because I think low of myself and it keeps me from working up to my capabilities."
Stephanie Rudd, junior

"I'd be taller because I always have to look up at everyone."
Tatum Miller, freshman

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A Penny for Your Thoughts

My biggest problem on the first day of school...

Whether stepping into the wrong classroom or merely getting lost, students experienced hardships while trying to make their first day of school meet every expectation.

"They called me down to guidance to inform me that I was scheduled for five classes during one hour and now I'm an aide fifth hour."
Jackie Nebelsiek, junior

"I got locked in the gym bathroom. The entrance door shut and the exit door locked. I had to jump and grab the top of the door to get out. I missed half of class."
Brad Hoge, freshman

"I went to the wrong class and I didn't realize it until 10 minutes into class and the teacher said what class it was and what room and I then realized that I was in the wrong class."
Jeff Semko, sophomore

"I got lost on the way to Biology on the first day and then it was really boring."
Jonathan Mohr, freshman

"Getting up. It's much too early for me!"
Erin Damjanovich, sophomore

A Penny for Your Thoughts

My best excuse for being late...

Slyly weaseling their way out of trouble, students offered deceptive excuses when running late. Stories explaining their tardinesss occasionally kept them out of trouble, but more frequently their tall tales just made the situation even worse.

"I told my parents that we got pulled over by a cop and that they thought that the driver was drunk, so we had to wait for him to take a breath test."
Barry Smith, senior

"I tell my parents I got caught by a train. Now my mom will read this and it won't work."
Mark Pesich, sophomore

"That my friend's car ran out of gas in a bad neighborhood and we had to walk a couple miles to a gas station. They were so glad that I was okay, that it worked."
Dan Byrne, junior

"I was running two hours late, so I pulled off the road, put my spare tire on, took the good tire, rolled it around to my backyard, and then told my mom I got a flat tire. It's still on and I got money to have it fixed at Marathon."
Bob Gonzales, senior

"On the Monday after the time change, I went out and my curfew was 12:30 a.m. I got home at 1:30 a.m., but I told my parents that I just hadn't changed my watch so that it said 12:30. They believed me."
Katie Artis, sophomore

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BEAUTY SECRETS
Creating the perfect look, seniors Brigette Campbell, Jeanine Baciu, Galyn Gasparovic, and Laura Budzik get make-overs for Prom. **Vogue Hair Salon** offers glamorous services including facials, manicures, tanning, hair, nails, plus a variety of boutique items.

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My best hiding place...

Stashing secret somethings in available spots, students searched for special spaces to secure the safety of their various valuables and prized possessions.

"When I was little I used to run away from my parents and go into the bottom drawer of my dresser. Then I'd throw a bunch of clothes over my head. It really doesn't work that well now."
Matt Mybeck, senior

"When I was six years old, my mom was ready to yell at me. So I ran to my next-door neighbor's house and stayed there for two hours. My mom almost called the police because she thought I was kidnapped."
Amy Bohling, junior

"I have never been found when hiding from my parents in the air vent in my room."
Tim Rutz, junior

"I have a hole in the upholstery of my car where I can stash anything I don't want anybody to find--money, collectibles, stuff like that."
Andrea Simcoe, senior

"Once when I was playing hide-and-seek, I hid in the back of my dad's van behind the spare tire. No one ever came to find me."
Chris Fortin, senior

My stupidest purchase ever...

Overwhelmed by all the new and trendy merchandise, students realized that their hard earned money quickly disappeared as the junk pile in their rooms rapidly grew.

"I always used to go buy fake nails at Walgreens for $5. Then I didn't know how to put them on, and my $5 was a waste."
Vicki LeVan, junior

"My dog was the biggest waste of money. He's not worth anything. All he does is go to the bathroom everywhere and wake my parents up when I come home late."
Debbie Hesek, senior

"I once saved my money to buy a $300 guitar, and then I never learned how to play."
Ryan Bagget, freshman

"The stupidest thing I spent my money on was a CD I had no intention of listening to."
Liz Krol, junior

"Once, I bought a ticket to see Black Sabbath at the Aragon, but there was a blizzzard the day of the concert, and I couldn't go."
Grant Talabay, senior

PIN IT UP
Concentrating on making that Prom perfect look, Andrea Simcoe, senior, has Alessa DeMari wrap her hair into a french twist. **DEMARI Salon** offers many services including hair, nails and make-up for that special occasion.

KICK BACK AND RELAX
Counseling a client on legal advice, Joe Stalmack kicks back to contemplate the problem more thoroughly. **Galvin, Stalmack, and Associates** can advise and help solve any legal problem.

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My biggest pet peeve...

Shuddering at the thought of their biggest pet peeve, students cringed for reasons ranging from sniffling students behind them to overly cautious cars in front of them.

"I hate when I'm driving down a road where there are two lanes and both cars in the lanes are going the same speed and you can't pass them."
Amy Bohling, junior

"I hate when people sit in class and keep sniffling but don't blow their noses. When people breathe hard too, that's worse."
Mark Pesich, sophomore

"One of my biggest pet peeve is when no one changes the toilet paper, and I don't realize it until I'm halfway through."
Christina Kunelis, senior

"I hate it when people stop by the mirrors in the hallway and totally stop traffic trying to look at themselves."
Donna Hough, junior

"My biggest pet peeve would have to be double negatives. That, or hairy chests."
Natalie Bacha, senior

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On Saturday night with only $1.03 in my pocket...

When faced with the weekend crisis of having no cash, students searched for any way to scrape by with mere pocket change .

"I would go to Las Vegas and triple my money. Then I would have $3.09."
Andy Kulas, senior

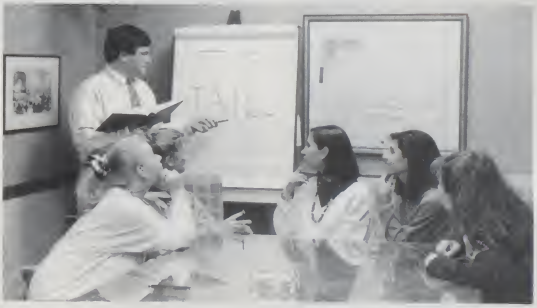
"I would go out anyway and mooch off of everyone else."
Sara Golonka, freshman

"Whenever I knew I didn't have money, I went to Play It Again Sports and traded in all my stuff."
Jim Whiteley, junior

"If I could only find one dollar, I'd take it to a bank and have it exchanged for pennies. Then I'd go to the top of a tall building with them and see how many people I could hit."
Adam Schoop, senior

"I would either go to Blockbuster and get free movies on credit or I'd call my boyfriend and ask him to take me out, and I would pay $1.03 for the tip."
Allison Duesing, sophomore

GOOD CENTS
Giving some money advice, Frank V. Wrzalinski, assistant cashier and manager, helps Mike Dovellos, senior, open an account. **Mercantile Bank** offers reliable banking services.



JAIL BREAK
Helping them contemplate the consequences of their actions, Attorney at Law Sam Goodman explains it more thouroughly to Erin Fech, Jen Rammana, Greer Goodman, Jen Warda, '93, and Amy Sobolewski, '92.

RULES OF THE ROAD
Trying to explain the importance of defensive driving, Jerry Mazur, owner of Certified Driving, talks to his new students. **Certified Driving** provides training tips needed to obtain a license and practice safe driving.

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If I had magical powers...

From mind-reading to super-human feats, students dreamed about the unlimited options they would posess if given magical powers for even a day.

"I'd like to be able to snap my fingers and be anywhere in the world because sometimes I just need to take a break."
Jason Vogt, senior

"I wish I could stop time for a couple of minutes so if I did something wrong I could fix it and no one would know."
Dana Lazar, sophomore

"I want to be able to fly because it would be easier - no traffic problems. You could go from one place to another."
Amanda Kallen, freshman

"I wish that I could read people's minds, so that if I was taking a test I could get the answers from a smart person."
Erin DeLuna, sophomore

"I'd be invisible and go into the banks and steal the money and put it into my invisible bag. No one would ever know."
Brian Wachowiak, junior

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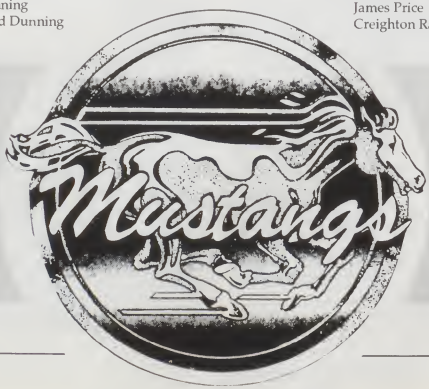

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Waking up

Younger siblings

Zero hour

Colophon

Volume 29 of Paragon "Just When You Thought It Was Safe," was printed by Herff Jones, 6015 Travis Lane, PO Box 10, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201. Susan Taylor served as our representative. With a press run of 1,000, the book was printed on 80-lb. Bordeaux paper and sold at $24 for early orders and later rose to $30 in the summer.

The staff designed the silk-screened cover using Gazelle and Helvetica fonts. The cover uses a special-order black matte material, with silver and black paint, and red foil hot stamping.

All spreads were built on Aldus Pagemaker 4.2, and artwork created in Aldus Freehand 3.11. Scanned images were scanned using an Apple Color OneScanner with OFoto 2.0 as its operator. Scanned images were then saved as Tiffs and edited in Adobe Photoshop 2.5.1. All graphics were sent in to Herff Jones Yearbooks as encapsulated postscripts.

On the way to finishing, we used 10 point Palatino for all copy, with 8 point captions. Opening and theme pages use Gazelle for the headlines and Helvetica around theme logo. The Life sections' In and Out dividers feature Helvetica and Palatino italic, while Student Life headlines use Lucidia Bright, Helvetica and Palatino. Homecoming headlines feature Present, while plays and dances used Palatino and Helvetica. The Life mini-mag headlines were created in Aldus Freehand using Premium and Palatino.

Academics and People sections use Helvetica and Palatino headlines, while Clubs headlines were created in Freehand with Helvetica type. Sports and sports features headlines are in Helvetica and Palatino. The sports mini-mag logo was created with Cooperplate.

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The *Paragon* has been nationally honored in the past by both the National Scholastic Press Associated and Columbia Press Association. 1993 *Paragon* won its ninth Gold Crown out of the past ten years, and was recognized as a Pacemaker Finalist.

Heyo. No, there may not be a need, but at this point, there doesn't have to be, Yohn. First you go in and then you go out, at least that's what she said. What in the world? Right, right. I think everything just might be under control now, though, and after everything we have been through, it is kind of hard to believe. But who could forget:

Donuts in the parking lot while Mrs. H scraped her car, jumping jacks every hour and a half, somehow ending up stuffed in a dark cabinet, eavesdropping ever-so-sneakily ("How did this get out?"), noticing that some pictures looked oh-so-familiar, editors (Meat and Potatoes) lost in the halls, the Amiead virus, the sudden disappearance of half of the staff, the Grateful Dead, the depanting of Muffy Michelle, our continuous consultation with John, the walking Spell-Check, everyone's safe arrival at home following our first Pub sleep-over (almost everyone), lost lists no way!, and if you think you've seen something in this yearbook before, *Crier* probably borrowed it for an issue or two. One final note: don't ask J-9 about that strange birthmark on her forehead—it has always seemed to be a touchy subject with her.

But after all that, with pages placed and pictures picked, five friends finally finish your yearbook. (notice the alliteration) Proud of *Paragon*, prepared for new surroundings and confident the boxing team will go for a fourth State title, we lock the Pub doors for the last time, waving good-bye to Mary and thanking Hilarious Hastings for a happy home and many memories. Nevertheless, there was no need for safety in 1994!

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On the ball
Waiting for her turn at bat, catcher Jackie Nebelsiek, junior, fights boredom and the spring sunshine in the dugout.

School daze
Taking a break from Mr. Phil Clark's World Literature class, Jason Greenbaum, senior, drifts off while watching the snow fall.

Rock block
In an attempt to block out the noise at Battle of the Bands, seniors Daria Cullen and Sujata Barai cover their ears.

Clown around
In the opening scene of *Carousel*, Jason Doherty, junior, draws the audience and the crowds to the carnival. Taking on different roles, whether during plays or during a regular day, kept students' days interesting.

Set the Stage for a Circus

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE

Just When You Thought It Was Safe, the **final countdown** to summer changed due to the April announcement of additional days because of **cold-weather** cancellations. But when that final day rolled around, **unexpected** changes kept appearing.

Heading to the pop and candy machines for a quick **sugar boost**, students discovered littering turned to loss as the administration shut down the machines until the Commons mess disappeared.

Planning their own **disappearances** from the school, Athletic Director Mr. John Tennant, Guidance Department chairman Mr. James Bawden, language teacher Mrs. Marlis Tippett and English teacher Mrs. Pat Golubiewski announced **retirements** after years of service.

Losses in administrators coincided with changes in other areas. The revised SAT came into effect, the **"no hat"** rule was approved and new summer school offerings were installed.

Hands held high
In anxious anticipation of overtime free-throw at the Sectional basketball game against Calumet, students celebrate the chance for victory. Never ceasing to stress the necessity of showing off a hidden wild side, they took every opportunity to let their hair down.

Through the year, students adjusted to random bells, fewer clubs, Lake 10 rivals and community changes just in time to be jostled with news of turned-off food machines, added rules and exiting administrators thrown at them. At any time, anything could happen...

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